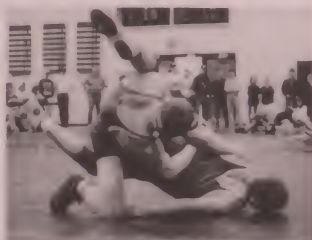


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Seniors Billy Young, Warnell Ziegler, and Charles Walker show how happy they are to be cheerleaders at the Powder Puff game.



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Juniors Max Faust, Tim Coughennower, Jeff Bash, Dena Shoemaker, Amy Hanlon, Emily Minnis and Kari Greenlee listen attentively to M.C. Kirk Johnson during the Homecoming assembly.

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Senior Jody Woods takes to the air for a shot against Ankeny on Dec. 2 at Ankeny.

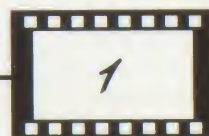


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Juniors Tim Schnoor, Eric Groen, and Ryan Mitchell take a break from a meet.

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Picture This...Hoover 1994-1995

Everyone's heard the old line that a picture is worth a thousand words. Yet a picture stands for more than just a story; it represents a fleeting moment in time, a moment etched in black and white on light-sensitive paper that allows us a window into the past to see what once was accomplished.

The value of remembering the past is not a recent event allowed only by our current sophisticated technology. Since the early days of civilization, when a prehistoric man began writing on the walls of caves, humans have had an attraction to fix the past, to set a moment in time and mark it for special status. Yearbooks used to be stuck with black-and-white photos and with little room for technology; now computers and scanners and a million transistorized things in between allow the moments we once would have held only in memories to be fixed on page for glance after glance, year after year.

Pictures can't do everything, of course. They don't move, they don't respond to your ques-

tions, and above all, they don't tell you the entire story. That is for you. Every picture has a story behind it, a background and a tale to tell that you will have to supply. Captions can only tell so much; you'll need to use your memory to fill in the blanks. The old line about the number of words needed to sufficiently describe a photo makes a compelling point; any group of pictures contains a lot of information. How you as a reader will interpret the pictures in this book will be the true value of the yearbook; the evolved cave drawings here in black-and-white don't tell the full story of Hoover.

Juniors Tim Sipma and Rich Nagle portray George Bailey and Mr. Potter in the production of "It's A Wonderful Life" held by the drama department, who also produced a Commedia presentation and "Life, Death, and the Prom."



photo by Denis Hildreth



photo by Kristen Jahn

Awards were presented again this year for both student-of-all-seasons and teacher-of-all-seasons. Winner of the teacher-of-all-seasons award, Betty Prey, is seen above teaching her English 11 class.

Junior Jason Van Hemert hones his speaking skills. The forensics team advanced three speakers to the All-State Festival at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.



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Theme
by Matt Buckley

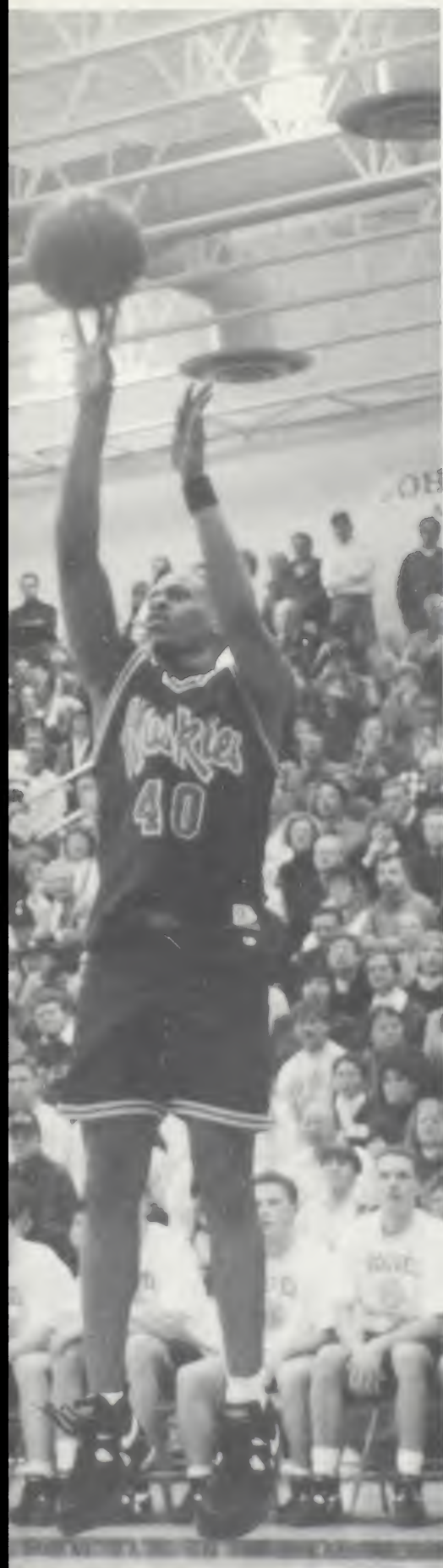


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Sophomore Bridget Evans and senior Diane Buehler search through baby pictures in Child Development class in order to find a face for their flour babies. The family and consumer sciences department received new emphasis this year as a result of several new classes and another faculty member, Liz Teufel.

Senior Kathie Taylor gives blood for the twice-annual blood drive, sponsored by ROTC and National Honor Society. Organizations like ROTC, NHS, KEY Club, Peer Helpers, and others performed a variety of services during the year, including campus clean-ups and peer counseling.



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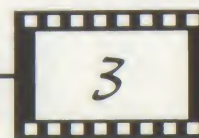


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Senior Wesley Burrell shoots a baseline jumper during a game against Johnston, as junior Billy Howe and senior Trent Skinner watch closely. Though they lost this game, the varsity boys went 17-4 and won the CIML American Conference.

Intercultural programs received more focus this year; here, senior Andre Alexander examines a portrait of African-American leader Malcolm X.

Theme
by Matt Buckley



Whether it's dressing in pajamas for Homecoming's Spirit Week or packing a suitcase for Spring Break, students look forward to the few opportunities they have to let loose and have fun. These are the memorable activities that comprise Student Life.

Along with the year's many laughs -- male students sported tillies and pom-poms for the Oct. 5 Powder Puff games -- the school year was one of many firsts.

Students, quoting the cliché that there's a first time for everything, witnessed the grand opening of Hoover's "Cara McGrane Memorial Stadium." For the Oct. 7 Homecoming game, fans appeared in record-breaking numbers, barely leaving standing room for the first game in the newly inducted stadium.

Though the addition of the stadium was one of the more visibly obvious changes of the year, there were many underlying differences between this year and years past. For the first time that students, and many faculty, can remember, the junior powder puff team accomplished its goal of beating the senior team. Another amazing and memorable athletic feat of the year was the senior boys' basketball team's first ever defeat of the faculty team in the Annual Student/Faculty Games.

Also for the first time in the school's history, the Homecoming Dance was held in the school's large gymnasium. Unafraid of rebelling against the customary way of holding the dance in the student center, students decided that this was the year to break tradition.

Though the year is gone in actuality and dates, its many differences and changes in tradition make it one that will be remembered forever in the minds of Hoover's students.



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Student Life divider
by Erica Swanson

Sophomore Kathi Buckley and freshman Jodi Helton look to escape the loud cheering of sophomores Katie Bierma and Courtney Kramer.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by Mandee Graham

Senior swimmer Tyler Williams shaves the head of sophomore teammate Alex Albright at the Feb. 10 assembly. The district meet was the following day at Valley.

Senior Brice Nichols, junior Shaneque Young and seniors Jamal Mosley and Andre Moore sing karaoke at the Oct. 8 Homecoming Dance.

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Student Life divider
by Erica Swanson



Hoover spirit shines through spirit week

Homecoming Spirit Week started off on Tuesday, Oct. 5, with Hat Day. Students and staff came to school wearing anything from baseball caps to elephant hats. Junior Marci Simonini won first place in the Hat Day contest; Simonini was wearing an eye hat. Wednesday was Pajama Day. Students came to school wearing slippers, hair rollers, and bathrobes. Freshman Katie Gross won first place for P.J. Day.

"I wore my dad's big p.j.'s and socks in my hair 'cause it makes my hair curly. I was just being crazy," Gross said.

Thursday was Senior Toga Day and Crazy Hair Day for underclassmen. Senior Brian Stroud won first place for Toga Day and Freshman Maggie Beavers won first place for Crazy Hair Day. Friday was traditional Green and Gold Day in which staff and students

showed their great school spirit.

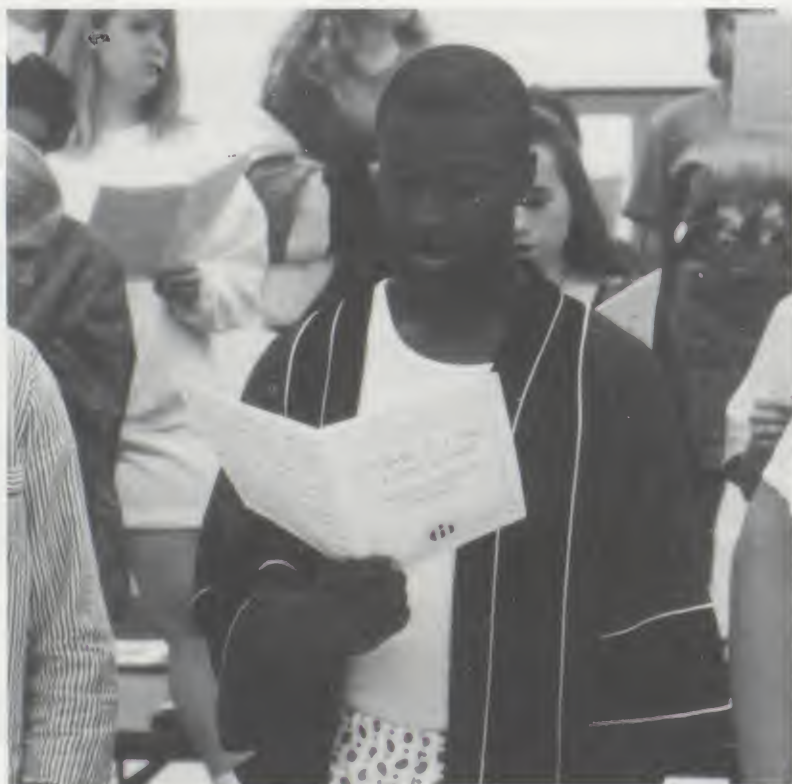
"The people who participated did a good job of showing their school spirit," Spirit Week Chairperson Esther Rude said.

Spirit links sold that week for 10 cents each. Seniors had the most links and won for the classes.

"It was nice that every grade participated in something together; I just wish that more people participated," sophomore Geneva Moore said.

During the Powder Puff games there was an upset in the upper class game; the juniors beat the seniors, 14-0. The sophomores overpowered the freshman with a score of 14-7.

"It was a successful game and a lot of fun to do," Powder Puff Chairperson Brian Stroud said.



Senior Mike Childs sings in his p.j.'s on Pajama Day.

photo by Kristen Jahn





photo by Kristen Jahn



Seniors Amy Martin and Brian Stroud show off their senior togas.

Junior Marci Simonini avoids the question of where she got her hat for Crazy Hat day.

photo by Kristen Jahn



Junior Ayesha Abdullah goes out of her way for crazy hat day.

Senior Leanne Sergio leads the seniors into the Powder Puff game.

photo by Kristen Jahn

Spirit Week
by Tara Rossow

Signs of Spirit

On Oct 7, at 1:45 p.m., all of Hoover High gathered in the big gym for the Homecoming assembly.

To start everything off, M.C. Kirk Johnson announced all of the fall sports and the members of each group made their way into the gym.

There was a lot of tension in the air due to the crowning of the king and queen. The ten candidates made their way in and were seated on one side of the gym.

Throughout the assembly there were many events that took place. The cheerleaders led everyone in the "Husky Bark" and performed a dance. Several students spoke to the crowd, and the Hoover Harmony sang. The varsity football players gathered in the middle of the gym with Coach Lundholm to give a cheer, and then the seniors won the spirit stick for the victory cry.

Chairperson of the Homecoming Assembly, Nikki Johnson, said, "I think the Homecoming Assembly was a great success; everything went as planned and everybody had a spirited attitude and was pumped for the game."

Toward the end of the assembly was the part most had waited for -- the crowning of the king and queen. Brad Haugh was named king and Esther Rude was named

queen.

Miriam Woods, a science teacher, said, "I think it was one of the best Homecoming assemblies we have ever had; Mr. Johnson is to be commended for his ability to deal with sound system." Woods also said, "The students are to be congratulated on their school spirit and organizational skills, and I was glad to see all students having such a good time."

The speakers were Pat Kozitza and Neal Meyer, parents of Hoover students that helped to make the McGrane stadium a reality. They talked of the importance of traditions -- keeping the old ones and making new ones. Kozitza renewed his old high school tradition of swallowing a live goldfish, a Homecoming tradition that was stopped due to animal cruelty. They also talked of the importance of the game would take place at 7:30 that night.

The Hoover Huskies faced the Roosevelt Roughriders at the opening of the new stadium. Fans turned out in record-breaking numbers. In a close game, the Huskies almost pulled out a victory but ended up losing 20-14. The stadium was later named the Cara McGrane Memorial Stadium.



photo by Leanne Sergio

Seniors Tyler Williams and Sam Boutchee await the coin toss.



Hoover Harmony sings "Love Walked In" at the assembly.



Homecoming Assembly

by Kari Greenlee and Dena Shoemaker

Husky dog, senior Kathie Taylor, creams Roosevelt fan, senior Justin Heiden.

Strong Husky defense stops the Roosevelt Roughrider offense.

"Everything went as planned and everybody had a spirited attitude and was pumped for the game."

-- sophomore Nikki Johnson



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Mande Graham

Senior Andrea Ludwig and junior Jennifer Meritt of the Drill Team perform at the assembly.

Senior Jason Geyer is "sure" that the Huskies are number one.



photo by Mande Graham



photo by Mande Graham



photo by Leanne Sergio

Homecoming Assembly
by Kari Greenlee and Dena Shoemaker

Homecoming Royalty is Crowned... Rude and Haugh

The 1994 Homecoming Queen and King were Esther Rude and Brad Haugh. The rest of the senior court consisted of Mary Canady, Meggan Christensen, Ramon Christopher, Tanica Farley, Trent Skinner, Erica Swanson, Tyler Williams, and Jody Woods. The junior attendants were Jodi Solberg and Jay Hall. Kathi Buckley and Scott Johnson were sophomore attendants and there was a tie for freshman between Lee Gannon and Dezeree Jackson with Frank Thorne as their escort.

Rude was involved in tennis, volleyball, basketball, softball, Senior Board Secretary, Student Council, Peer Helpers, Spirit Committee, National Council on Youth Leadership, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Prom Ambassador.

"To me, being chosen to be on the court was an honor in itself and I wasn't expecting

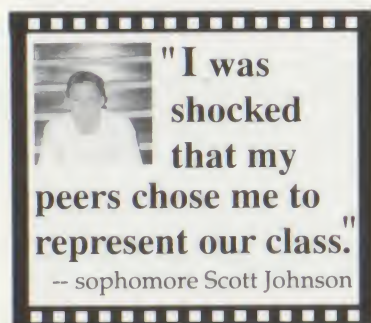
anything else because all of the candidates were great girls as well as outstanding leaders. I would've been extremely happy for whoever won. I was shocked and humbled that my classmates chose me to be the Homecoming Queen. The memories I gained from the experience will be something I always remember," Rude said.

Haugh was active in Conflict Managers, Teen Leadership Connection, Student Council, Peer Helpers, Principal Diversity Committee, Spirit Committee, Service Committee, S.A.D.D., baseball, swimming, track, cross country, National Council on Youth Leadership, and was the Homecoming Attendant all four years.

"I was totally surprised and I about peed my pants. I was very honored to be chosen as king," Haugh said.

Senior Esther Rude reacts in surprise after being announced Homecoming Queen.

Top right -- senior candidates Erica Swanson and Mary Canady show their support for Tyler Williams and Trent Skinner.



Bottom center -- senior Homecoming Court candidates Brad Haugh, Trent Skinner, Tyler Williams, Jody Woods, Ramon Christopher, Erica Swanson, Esther Rude, Tanica Farley, Mary Canady and Meggan Christensen.

Underclassman Attendants: junior Jay Hall, sophomore Kathi Buckley, freshmen Dezeree Jackson, Frank Thorne, Lee Gannon and junior Jodi Solberg.



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Senior Brad Haugh looks stunned after being announced King.

Homecoming Royalty
by *Darci Hoffman*

"Fanta-Sea" Homecoming Makes Splash with Students

The Homecoming Dance, which was held in the gymnasium for the first time ever, broke previous years' attendance records. According to Dennis Ramsey, student council advisor, over 600 students attended the dance between 8 and 11 p.m. on Oct. 8.

The Homecoming Committee decided to break away from the tradition of having the dance in the Student Center; instead, they had the deejay from TKO Productions set his equipment up in the large gym. The Student Center did not go unused, though.

Students looking to escape the clamor of the dance room were given the opportunity to sing along with the karaoke machine in the Student Center. Though karaoke has been common at past Spring Dances, this was the first time that Hoover has had the sing-along machine at a Homecoming.

Tickets for the dance went on sale

a week prior to the semi-formal dance. Though tickets were available at the door for the same price of \$7, those who chose to buy their tickets early were given a "Homecoming '94" keychain. Keepsake namecards were also made for those who paid in advance.

The dance, which was organized by senior Erica Swanson and junior Amy Lee, was built around the "Fanta-Sea" theme. Volunteers came early that morning to cover the walls in blue and decorate with fish, seahorses and starfish. To add to the sea atmosphere, the deejay periodically released bubbles from his bubble machine. Senior Shannon Murray, co-chair of Homecoming Committee, said the dance's success was due to the fact that "everybody worked together".

Freshman John Harris said that the committee's hard work paid off; he said, "it was a lot of fun, especially for my first semi-formal!"



photo by Nicole Vortherns

Rudolph and Veronica Simms discuss the dance while freshman Jemon Spivey and junior Diandra Tate sample the Pepsi.

Junior Susan Conley, senior Beth Bailiff, junior Jennifer Merritt and sophomore Andrew Jackman dance to the music.





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Freshmen stars Nate Ferguson, Kevin Chenoweth, Brice Jones, Ben Minnis, Adam Crabb, Eric Kintner and Nate Curl perform for the audience.

Seniors Tara Deering and Ultra Thomas asks their fans for a little "R-E-S-P-E-C-T".



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Sophomores Dana Clark and Heather Taff applaud the singers.



photo by Nicole Vortherms

*Homecoming Dance
by Nicole Vortherms*

There's no place like HOME

For the first time in its 28-year history, Hoover played its Homecoming game at home. The idea for the new stadium was proposed by the Hoover Booster Club and its president, Pat Kozitza, during the 1993-94 school year. Before the end of the '94-95 football season, the idea had evolved into a stadium with a new scoreboard, bleachers, and lighting system.

The stadium was built with private money — mostly from donations made by private individuals and some companies. Halfway through the school year, athletic director Bert Adams estimated that over \$230,000 of the needed \$350-\$450,000 had been raised. The money came in time enough for the target opening date of Oct. 7, the day of the Homecoming game against Roosevelt. For the Oct. 7 game, visitor-side bleachers were rented, and for both the Oct. 7 game and the Oct. 29 game, portable toilets and concession stands were brought in. When complete, the stadium will seat nearly 3,000 people. For the Homecoming game,

though, many Hoover fans found only standing room.

Adams said he is very grateful to everybody who helped make the dream of a Hoover stadium a reality. He said, though they struggled through "every setback you could think of," the amount of support they received was amazing.

"Hundreds and hundreds of volunteers' time and equipment went into building that stadium," he said, adding that, though he's thankful, it would be nearly impossible to recognize everybody who helped.

The realization that Hoover did, indeed, have a new stadium, came at the half-time dedication ceremony at the Oct. 29 game. It was then that the stadium was officially dedicated to graduate Cara McGrane, who died in the Drake Diner shooting of 1992.

Senior quarterback Tyler Williams said, "It was great to finally see our own stadium!" He also said he was proud to be a part of "the first varsity football team to play on the Cara McGrane Memorial Stadium," and that it's a memory of high school he'll remember forever.

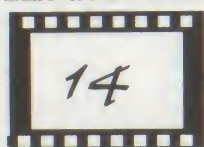


Hoover's new stadium before the first varsity home game on Oct. 7.

photo by Angie Bogle



Working together, volunteers assemble the lights.



Stadium
by Erica Swanson



"Hundreds and hundreds of volunteers' time and equipment went into building that stadium."

-- athletic director Bert Adams

The scoreboard, and school spirit, are proudly lifted in early October for all to see.



photo by Leanne Sergio

Varsity coach Steve Lundholm gives a play during the Oct. 7 Homecoming game against Roosevelt, the first game in the new stadium. Coach Dan Jones looks on attentively.

Volunteer workers help to build the bleachers for Husky fans.



photo by Angie Bogle



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Stadium
by Erica Swanson

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The week-long escape

Crystal clear water laps against the shore of a white sand beach. Dim clouds hang over the city as rain drizzles down. These two contrasting scenes represent the variety of places students at Hoover went on Spring Break. While some people went to exotic places like Jamaica and Cancun, others traveled to Minnesota or stayed in good old Des Moines.

Gerald Hollingsworth took a group of students to Cancun over Spring Break. Junior Dave Peterson was one of the ten students that went on the trip. He said, "It was the best week of my life. I'd go back in an instant. I really enjoyed the atmosphere and the unique personalities of the people I shared my week with."

Freshman Ben Minnis also traveled south for the week with his dad. He said, "I went to Florida and it was really fun. We went to Daytona and Coco Beach but Daytona was the best. They had a whole

bunch of different stands with games and stuff."

Not everyone though was fortunate enough to go somewhere for Spring Break. Junior Veronica Brown stayed in Des Moines. She said, "My Spring Break was really boring. I didn't do anything."

Senior Esther Rude, who went to Corpus Christi, said, "Spring Break was a very awesome and memorable time for me. I had a lot of fun spending time with my friends and sharing interesting experiences with them. I know that the time and experiences we shared will always be unique. Spring Break provided a chance to get away and have fun with no worries. I know I will always remember the great times I had."

In general, most people said they enjoyed Spring Break, even if they didn't go anywhere, because it gave them a chance to relax and take a break from school.



Juniors Tim Schnoor and Dave Peterson relax on the sands of a Cancun beach during Mr. Hollingsworth's Spanish trip.

photo by Jodi Solberg

Senior Amy Martin bobs up and down on the crystal-clear waters of Cancun, where she went with several other seniors.



photo by Shannon Murray



photo by Erica Swanson



photo by Aaron Thiese

Senior Shannon Murray takes a spin on the human gyroscope in Cancun.

Freshman Andrew Farley discovers a new fashion trend while junior Cathy Claycomb takes notes.



photo by Barb Graham



photo by Mary Canady

Seniors Angie Bogle and Esther Rude take a nap after a day in the sun in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Seniors Michelle Murphy and Mandee Graham play the keyboard at F.A.O. Schwartz in Kansas City.

*Spring Break
by Angela Neve*

Spring Spirit Soars

Fresh from the vacation Spring Break offers stressed students, Spring Spirit Week provided students with another chance to relax and take a break from the "norm". Five days of festivities led up to the all-school assembly on Friday and the Saturday evening semi-formal dance.

Beginning with Spring Break T-shirt day, and ending with the traditional Green and Gold Day, students were given the chance to dress in their beach clothes, ecological T-shirts, hats and bedsheets.

Spirit Week co-chairs person, sophomore April Taylor, said that her and senior Kathie Taylor "wanted everybody to get involved with (Spirit Week)."

On Thursday students flocked to the gymnasium for the annual Student/Faculty games. Tickets, which could be bought for \$1, were a student's pass out of class for the seventh hour festivities.

The faculty women beat the senior girls in the volleyball game; the final score was 15-7. Senior volleyball coach Kristen Jahn said that, though "it was a fun experience", the loss was excused by the fact that "the opposing team had a member who wasn't Hoover faculty."

After the defeat of the senior girls, the senior boys went on to beat the male fac-

ulty team in their basketball game, for the second time in Hoover's recorded history, by a score of 25-24. Senior Justin Heiden, who co-chaired the Student/Faculty activities with senior Angie Bogle, said, "Our committee's hard work paid off, the games went great and our senior guys finally won!"

Friday afternoon students again gathered in the gym. The Mar. 31 Spring Assembly honored students involved in spring activities and held the official naming of the Student and Teacher of All-Seasons.

The week's contest winners were announced and the choir, band, cheerleaders and drill team were given the chance to perform for the student body.

KCCI's Heidi Soliday, as guest speaker, spoke of the importance of character and morality. She ended her speech by reminding students to "Stand for something or you'll fall for anything."

The "Soliday Challenge" challenged several students and teachers to an obstacle course. Freshman Katie Gross, who participated in the athletic challenge, said the assembly was exciting because "it was fun to be involved instead of just sitting and watching."



Laura Ahrendt hits the ball over the net to senior Souky Wangkham as teammate Beth Eilers looks on.

photo by Kathi Buckley





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Senior Brice Nichols drives past faculty team members Chris Knee and Phil Carlson.

Juniors Cathy Claycomb, Jared Gilbert and sophomore Jaime Beard play at the assembly.

"Our committee's hard work paid off...the games went great and our senior guys finally won."

-- senior Justin Heiden



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Heidi Soliday tells students at the Spring Assembly about her high school years.

Sophomore Shayla Haynes smiles as she and senior Sam Boutchee try the "Soliday Challenge."



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by Kathi Buckley

Senior Brad Haugh shoots a free throw at the Student/Faculty game as Tim Pezzetti waits.

Spring Spirit Week/Assembly
by Erica Swanson

"Once Upon A Forest" turns spring dance into fairytale

Once upon a time a school named Hoover decided to have a spring dance. So a Spring Dance Committee was formed and the committee's job was to organize the dance. After meeting several times, they had the dance planned out, from picking the theme and buying decorations to reserving the D.J. On the day of the dance, the members of the Spring Dance Committee met to decorate and get everything ready for the dance. That night the dance was held and it was a success. The end....

The Spring Dance was held on Saturday April 1 at the Botanical Center from 8-11 p.m. The theme that the Spring Dance Committee, led by co-chairs seniors Erica Swanson and Meggan Christensen, came up with for the dance was "Once Upon A Forest". The theme was picked because the committee thought they could easily tie it in with the forest-like surroundings in the Botanical Center.

The dance was held in two separate rooms. One of the rooms had tables set up and refreshments so students could

relax and take a break from dancing. The room also had a karaoke machine, which many students used to show off their singing abilities. On display in the room were pictures of the Student of All Seasons candidates and the underclassmen attendants.

The other room was the dance room where the D.J., the big screen t.v. (used to show videos while the music played), and the dance floor were at. Students could also roam around the Botanical gardens if they wanted to.

The colors of the dance were pink, turquoise, and silvery white. The decorations used emphasized the fairytale theme of the evening. The rooms were decorated with drawings of fairies and balloons in the different colors of the dance. In the dance room, there were two balloon trees that had bundles of green and turquoise balloons instead of leaves on their branches.

"Everybody's hard work made the dance a success. Without the committee's devotion, the dance wouldn't have been nearly as great," said Swanson.



photo by Barb Graham

Junior V.J. Omundson, freshman Jamal Robertson and former Hoover student Besty McClimen catch up on old times.

Juniors Michael Jackson, T'Komo Dabner, and Anthony Shellenberger smile for the camera during the Spring Dance.





photo by Barb Graham



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Seniors Jason Geyer, Josh O'Brien, and Jeremy Cooper say "hello" while waiting for their dates.

Senior Leanne Sergio enters the dance room with her date, graduate Joe Matthews, by her side.



photo by Barb Graham



photo by Barb Graham

Seniors Mary Canady, Meggan Christensen and Shannon Murray discuss decorations in preparation for the dance.

Spring Dance
by Marci Simonini

Swanson, Prey recognized with All Seasons awards

As is tradition, the school ended its second spirit week with a Student of All Seasons and Teacher of All Seasons ceremony. The annual election, held by the students to give recognition to the most involved students and faculty, ended with Teacher of All Seasons going to Language Arts teacher Betty Prey and Student of All Seasons going to senior Erica Swanson. Asked about the elections, vice-principal Dennis Ramsey said that the voting results were "very close".

All four student classes voted for their own class representatives. Restrictions on the choice included involvement in at least two extracurricular activities and a 3.0 grade point average. Only seniors were eligible for the Student of All Seasons award, though each of the lower classes voted to select a class attendant.

The underclassmen attendants were freshman David Rude, sophomores Loan Pham and April Taylor, and junior Ayesha Abdullah.

The five students nominated were all active at Hoover the past four years. Angie Bogle's activities included sports like basketball and volleyball, and also service organizations like National Honor Society, in which she was vice-president. Mary Canady has been involved in Hoover Harmony and other school singing groups, National Honor Society and cheerleading. Meggan Christensen, involved in the cross-country and track programs, also worked on the National Honor Society cabinet as parliamentarian and as a Peer Helper. Tiffany Sheeder, the senior class president, also served as National Honor Soci-

ety co-president as well as being a four-year football cheerleader.

Swanson was involved with the track, cross-country and softball programs; she was also involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, even serving as co-president for two years. She was involved in Student Council for four years, and served as head of the Prom committee for the Senior Board. Her activities reached past student relations and sports; Swanson served as a co-captain of the state-qualifying Academic Decathlon team. Swanson said she plans to study journalism and pre-law at Central College in Pella.

The diversity exemplified in the activities of the student choices was also exemplified in the teacher candidates; even the two faculty nominees who did not receive the All Seasons honor were heavily involved in the school. Debbie Stetson led the cheerleading programs at Hoover as well as serving as a physical education teacher, while MaryAnn Spicer headed the Imani Players as well as teaching classes in African-American Studies and speech.

Winner of the Teacher of All Seasons honor, Prey has been extensively involved in the Gifted and Talented program at Hoover. She has also worked with the school improvement committee from 1993 to the present; this was all balanced with her job teaching three levels of English.

Asked about the honor, Swanson said, "There are so many people at Hoover that are really involved and work with others...it's just an honor to be recognized."



photo by Mullica



Student of All Seasons candidates: Erica Swanson, Angie Bogle, Mary Canady, Meggan Christensen, and Tiffany Sheeder.



Student of All Seasons

by Kari Greenlee and Dena Shoemaker

Teacher of All Seasons, Betty Prey, recognizes Erica Swanson as Student of All Seasons.

Underclass attendants: junior Ayesha Abdullah, sophomores Loan Pham and April Taylor, and freshman David Rude.



photo by Michelle Murphy



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Language Arts teacher Betty Prey reacts to receiving the award for Teacher of All Seasons.

photo by Mullica

Student of All Seasons
by Kari Greenlee and Dena Shoemaker

Please keep your book open to page 24. Read the following passage carefully, and jot down the main ideas on a piece of scratch paper. Come in before or after school if there's anything you don't understand. On Monday, there will be a comprehensive exam worth 36 % of your grade.

Despite the broad array of activities available to participate in, the backbone of every student's day consists of his or her academic classes. Ninety days of a student's life are defined, in large measure, by the bluish index card that gives his or her schedule for the next semester. Every day, the halls hold a flurry of gossip about the upcoming chemistry quiz or the due date of the term paper for English. Mornings and early afternoons are filled with lectures and problem-solving sessions, and evenings can often be dominated by homework. For better or worse, all high school-age students in America are bonded by this common experience.

Harold, it appears that you find something amusing. Perhaps you could share your sense of humor with the people in room 121.

However, it has become the norm to approach one's education in an individualistic manner, often far away from the standard "Three R" curriculum. At Hoover, students are offered an unusual variety of academic, vocational, and linguistic classes. Special programs like S.W.S. and P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. also tailor to individual needs.

Any given row of a classroom holds students with very different reasons for being there. Some choose to show up, sleep, and graduate. Others are motivated by the desire to enter a certain college or career path. But whether the education offered is mind-numbing or ecstasy-inducing, everyone is more or less committed to being at school.

Study hard. Remember: 36% of your grade!

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Counselor Robert Jankovitz sorts through the schedules.



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Senior Scott Long immerses himself in his work.

Freshmen Sam Neeley and Ronetta Madina prepare for their next class in study hall.

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FOUR YEARS OF EXCELLENCE: LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN TOP 3%

Throughout high school, members of the senior class put varying degrees of effort into their schoolwork. Some appeared stubbornly apathetic; many others worked extremely hard, but still received grades that were quite a distance from being perfect. A small portion of the students not only put forth a great degree of effort, but also finished at or near the top of their class. These 14 students were designated as members of the Top 3%.

Due to some new quirks in the grading system, more people received this honor than in most previous years. The new grade weighting policy, which went into effect at the begin-

ning of the 1993-94 school year, boosted the grade-point level for advanced placement classes. The following year, many more advanced classes were added to the list. This resulted in nine people finishing with a grade-point average above 4.0 and holding a class rank of "1". The next five positions were also included.

On the whole, most of the recipients appeared to be happy with the new system. Avery Palmer said, "I did not expect to finish in the Top 3%, but I'm glad that all of my work in advanced classes is finally being recognized."



DARREN BASS

"The method most beneficial to me for maintaining my academic excellence was to listen intently in class, along with the ability to remain awake when the subject matter was like a natural sedative...I plan to attend college and major in an engineering field."



MATT BUCKLEY

"I made sure that the standards I wanted to live up to would be set by me, on my own terms. Usually, I expected more of myself than my friends did. In a time when many youth are considered apathetic, it's refreshing to be noted as a hard worker and an achiever."



MARY CANADY

"Doing my best has always been important to me, for myself and for my family. Some things come easily, while other things I have worked very hard for. My parents and my teachers have helped me to keep on track and always look forward."



HUONG DO

"I have always enjoyed learning and I took classes that I was genuinely interested in, so I wanted to do well. After college, I hope to enter an M.D./Ph.D. program and become a genetic engineer."



AVERY PALMER

"High school is an incredibly harrowing experience. Finishing in the 'Top 3%' is akin to digging a more extensive pothole than the rest of the construction team. However, I'm glad that I did well and hope that I continue to be successful in future phases of life."



VU PHAM

"Learning is an appreciation of knowledge. I think I was able to maintain self-discipline by being willing to learn new things and appreciating the challenge. Central teachers are influential. Friends are, too. A slight competitive edge was very motivating."



TIFFANY SHEEDER

"My personal motto is, 'If you're gonna do it, do it right,' and I try to reflect this ideal in everything I do. When I do something, I do it wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. No matter what I do, I want to be happy and enjoy life to the fullest."



ANGIE BOGLE

"Being involved in school-related activities has helped me to learn to prioritize my spare time. As individuals, we have to decide what is most important, and for me, school has always been important. Thoughts of what lies ahead pushed me to do well, also."

TOP STUDENTS HAVE FAR-REACHING PLANS, DIFFERING PHILOSOPHIES

While united by their common academic achievements, members of the top 3% hold a wide variety of perspectives.

Some of them attended Central Academy to take advantage of its Advanced Placement classes, while others chose to stay at Hoover for the "high school experience." Colleges they plan to attend range from the elite east coast universities to two of Iowa's public institutions.

When asked about their future professions, eight of the 14 expressed interest in the physical sciences, three wanted to go into business or economics, one wanted to become a music teacher, and two were undecided.

Most of the honored mentioned parents and/or teachers as the most influential people in their high school careers. Jennifer Doughman said of her parents, "I have received their support all of my life and they are always there when I need them."

While all of the recipients expressed pride in their accomplishments, a few were a bit cynical about the entire class-ranking system. Vu Pham said, "I don't like the emphasis of grades as a determining factor in education. I hope everybody coming out of high school has learned something new, and hopefully they will continue to pursue knowledge as part of their lives."



JENNIFER DOUGHMAN

"Maintaining the self-discipline to get good grades is a lot of work and takes a large amount of effort. Doing my best has always been a goal for me. I am planning to attend UNI and I am majoring in the business field with a stress on accounting."



MIRIAM IRWIN

"I had four older brothers and sisters who always did things right. I wanted to beat them, and I did! I plan to attend Iowa State University and possibly grad school. I would like to one day be on the cutting edge of medical research."



BEN KNOWLES

"It is impossible to say too much about the virtues of procrastination. The more advanced the class, the more this skill comes in handy. In other words, crisis management is the secret of my success. A parcel of teachers helped me to survive high school."



BRIAN SMITH

"I take pride in my academic accomplishments and hope to continue to do well in the future. I am grateful to several teachers who have helped me to do so well. I plan to attend college and major in computer and electrical engineering."



LETA STEFFEN

"I have set my goals high and worked consistently to fulfill them. It's worth it when I see where I've gotten today."



DAO TRAN

"It was hard putting school before my social life and the T.V., but I managed. Sometimes I wish I had done things differently. But whatever I did, I made it through high school, and that's what matters. This honor is just an extra touch."

Junior Alan Kelly does filing in echo cardiology and diagnostic medicine.

Sophomore Kelly Karston assists in surgery in the catheter lab.



photo by Dawn Spiller

CAI OFFERS A TASTE OF SOME REAL-WORLD JOBS

CAI (Corporate Academic Institute) was initiated in the 1992-93 school year. It is led by Nancy Winebrenner in conjunction with Kay Oliver, Director of Educational Services at Iowa Methodist. Winebrenner said that CAI "teaches good communication skills between the students and their co-workers."

Mondays and Fridays are spent in the classrooms, and students have PE every Wednesday. Tuesdays thru Thursdays, they are in the learning stations. The stations include NIC (Newborn Intensive Care), pharmacy, nursery, Blank Children's Hospital, outpatient, and neuro/heart surgery. A new station is the human gene lab, where "they discover

ways DNA can deliver a blow to cancer," said Winebrenner.

CAI students also went on field trips. When they visited the radiology lab, they learned about CAT scans, ultrasounds, and other x-rays.

The finals, or exhibitions, for the first semester of the 1994-95 school year had students complete a written account of a chronic medical condition and create three works of art displaying a certain emotion.

Some of the students in CAI are training for future careers. Senior Christy Arcuri worked on her Physical Therapy Technician Certificate. Senior Jaime Bullock was allowed to work in the Emergency Room (ER) at Methodist.

Senior Kim Griffith and preceptor Jody McKeehan help a man in physical therapy.



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Senior Matt Buckley writes a message on the board during his fifth period English Literature class.



photo by Huong Do

Science teacher Jerry Ferrell talks to his seventh period Advanced Placement Chemistry class.



photo by Huong Do

Far left: Senior Peter Barrette and Lincoln student Richard Fuller work on a physics assignment.



photo by Huong Do

CENTRAL CAMPUS CLASSES PROVIDE FOR UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

For students who are tired of French and Spanish, who want more challenging classes, or who want to learn a vocation, Central Campus offers an alternative to the regular high school curriculum.

Students attend Central, as it is commonly called, for either two or three periods in the morning or the afternoon. They can choose from such classes as auto mechanics, aviation, child care, commercial art, computer technology, marine biology, and nursing, as well as Chinese, Japanese, German, and Italian; languages which are not available at the regular high schools. Most of the classes are taken in two hour blocks, which provide students with an

intensive learning experience.

One of the major programs offered is the Central Academy, which was established in 1985 to provide students in grades eight through 12 with a challenging, fast-paced academic curriculum. The Academy offers many advanced and Advanced Placement (AP) courses that cannot be provided at the students' "home" high schools.

Joe Zimmerman, a former Hoover teacher who currently teaches mathematics at Central, said that he enjoys working with students from all over the city. He said that he likes "teaching kids who don't want a routine education...[and] are divergent thinkers."

Senior Ben Knowles prepares for a government test during lunch.

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Senior Annette Hunnell, freshman Abbie Campbell, junior Mike Suern, and junior Jake Smith play water volleyball.

Senior Jennifer Doughman assists senior Helen Lee.



photo by Dan Rauer

P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. SPLASHES ITS WAY TO SUCCESS

Physical Education Opportunities for Exceptional Learners (P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E.) is designed to help students who have difficulty in physical education to get the attention they need. Specially structured, individualized programs are utilized to help the students to benefit from the class.

P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. is supervised by David Linder, who is assisted by Cynthia Grandquist, Gina Williams, and 30 Peer Helpers. 12 students are involved in the program.

A variety of units are offered, with students allowed to choose which unit they want to be in. Some of the activities are track and field, tennis, golf, swimming, and bowling.

Linder said that the unit on

swimming "helped the students get over their fear of swimming."

P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. students also take field trips to various places, such as a health club.

Participants are given periodic tests in agility, flexibility, and strength. Linder said that when properly motivated, students show marked improvement in their results over time.

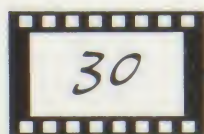
PE.O.P.E.L. P.E. members, front row - Jona Knort, Jake Smith, Kay Canby, Jenny Ruby, Amy Glas, Leanne Sergio, Annette Hunnell, Travis Houser, Mike Suern; second row - Melissa Christ, Steve Whitney, Julia Burnette, Amanda Neff, Helen Lee, Erica Hanlon, Tammy Grover, Susan Brucklander, Nick Pisarek, Jessica Foster; third row - Kendra Tuttle, Katie Dann, Amy Darrell, Megan Pollock, Abbie Campbell, Ebonice Cason, Priscilla Wyman, Heather Mallette, Tara Taylor, Natayla Merenyuk.



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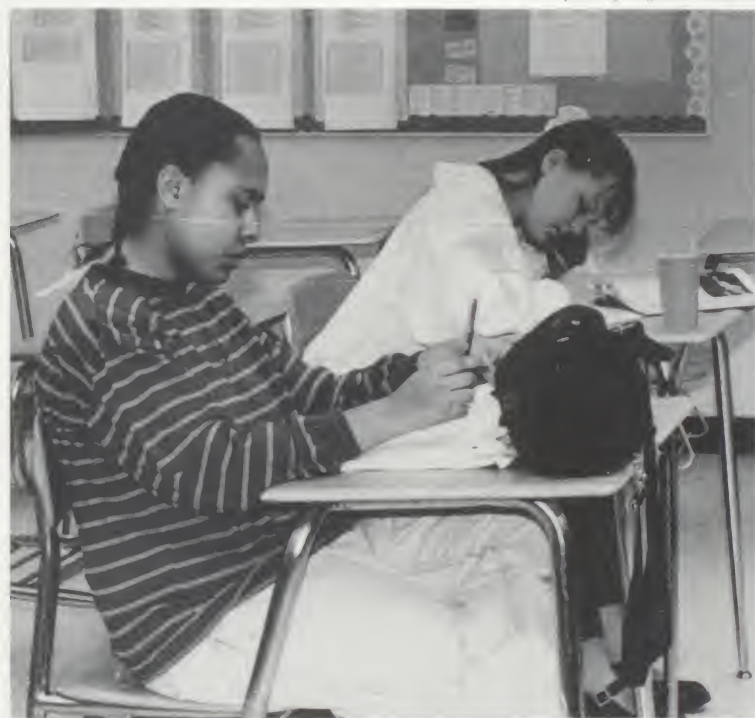


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Sophomore Brandi Hood studies with SWS teacher Philip Carlson.



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Freshmen Naomi Anderson and Elizabeth Miller do a problem on the board.

Middle left - sophomore Darla Collier and freshman Stephanie McGowey do their work for SWS.

S.W.S. GIVES TO STUDENTS, STUDENTS GIVE BACK

School Within a School (S.W.S.) offers an alternative education for a select group of freshmen and sophomores. Its purpose is to provide personal attention for students who have fallen behind in the academic maze.

45 students participated in S.W.S. last year. Students are screened in middle school. Those with the potential to benefit from S.W.S. are accepted into the program. Counselor Virginia Mortenson, who oversees S.W.S., says that she tries to select students with the potential to benefit from the program.

In addition to academic instruction, S.W.S. students participated in various activities. One of these was a community service group called the Clown Club. Members of the Clown

Club traveled to elementary schools, nursing homes, children's homes, and other high schools. They used a variety of methods to spread their good feelings. One of their activities was the performance of skits about doing well in school. They also tied creative balloons.

S.W.S. also got together for town meetings, which were usually held in the morning. A series of bonding sessions were also held, sometimes featuring guest speakers, and sometimes providing a simple opportunity for S.W.S. members to share some of their thoughts.

S.W.S. serves as an outlet for students who have derived little benefit from traditional academic programs. Mortenson summed up her feelings about the program by saying that S.W.S. members are "very bright students who could be more successful in school" with a little motivation.

Freshman Rachael O'Neil, junior Stacy Wilson, and sophomore Brandi Hood put on a show for the clown club.

S.W.S.
by Dawn Spiller and Avery Palmer



Physics teacher Linda Kuiken grades papers for her weighted class.

The following classes were *weighted*:

Agricultural Science III	AP Calculus BC
Auto Body II	AP English Literature
Auto Tech II	AP English Language
Aviation III	AP Chemistry
Child Care II	AP Biology
Commercial Art II	AP European History
Commercial Photos II	AP American History
Drafting Technology II	AP Physics
Electronics II	AP Economics
Food Service II	AP Comparative Gov.
Graphic Art II	AP Psychology
Home Building II	International Relations
Industrial Elects. II	Chemistry
Marine Biology	Physics
Marine Biology with Lab	Calculus
Radio/TV II	Trig/College Algebra
Textile/Fashion II	Acc. Trig/College Algebra
Welding II	Biology II
Personal G/D	Honors Art
AP Calculus AB	Honors Music

KEEPING UP THE GRADES

The Des Moines School Board had a busy year. Elections were held in November, but the previous school board implemented two major policy decisions that affected a broad range of students.

The first new policy was grade weighting. A series of classes considered to be especially difficult were awarded one extra point on a student's GPA. For example, a student's "B" in chemistry would be given four points, the amount usually awarded for an "A". If a student was fortunate enough to receive an "A" in an advanced class, he or she would receive five points. With the system thus inflated, many students would begin to acquire averages above 4.0. Anyone reaching this level would be automatically designated #1 in the class.

The other policy was the new "NP" grading system. Beginning last year, anyone who dropped below a "D" in a class would be given

an "NP" (no pass), and the class would not be included on his grade-point average. Students who failed would therefore receive a second chance.

Some students disagreed with the policy. Junior Chris Sampson said, "I feel that the NP grading system gives students a false sense of security."

Others were ambivalent. Senior Peter Barrette said, "The new grading system has its good points and bad points. It helps some students by giving them a second chance, but it makes things confusing for colleges."

Senior Liga Rostoks said, "I can sympathize with both sides of the issue."

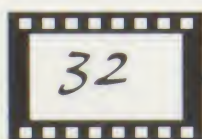
Des Moines School Board members: front - Jacqueline Easley, John Phoenix; middle - Gloria Hoffmann, Dr. Gary Wegenke, Suzette Jensen, Barb Goodwin; back - Jonathan Wilson, Sue Luthens.



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*New grading systems
by Avery Palmer*



photo by Josh Hulling



photo by Mandee Graham



photo by Josh Hulling

The new six-day attendance policy aims to keep students where they belong.



photo by Angie Bogle

Senior Leanne Sergio takes down the attendance cards.

Middle left - senior Dan Rauer demonstrates the attitude of many students toward school.

ONLY SIX DAYS ALLOWED

The six-day attendance policy, new to Hoover this year, was implemented throughout the Des Moines School District. This policy limited student absences to six days per semester. Those who went over the limit were subject to disciplinary action, which could include anything from night school to flat-out expulsion. Excused from this rule were all school-related activities and illnesses validated by a doctor. In addition, any student who felt that his absence was legitimate could appeal to a board. Special cases, such as college visits for seniors, were individually evaluated.

Social Studies teacher Rich Parker said that the crisis behind the policy was a widespread attendance problem. Parker said that students were coming into class

whenever they felt like it and treating Hoover like a revolving-door school.

"The administrators finally decided that they wouldn't take any more excuses," Parker said.

The policy was piloted at East and Central Campus last year, and put into universal practice this year.

"I won't make up my mind on this until I see the results, but it appeared to work very well at East," said special education teacher Ann Grant.

Statistics indicate that attendance has seen a slight increase since the policy was put into effect.

Many students appear to be happy with the program. Junior Tim Schnoor said, "The attendance policy seems to be working; the classrooms have remained full."

But senior Josh Hulling said, "I think the new attendance policy is foolish because it just encourages people to drop out."

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ACADEMIC CLUBS THINK THEIR WAY TO THE TOP

Not content with doing well in their regular classwork, members of academic clubs tried their hand at competitions. In a few of these events, they advanced to prominent recognition in the world of quiz tournaments.

The Academic Decathlon team participated in question-and-answer sessions, written tests, essays, and speeches in a competitive effort to increase their academic skills. The first part of the year was spent studying a variety of topics. In addition to the traditional school subjects, team members studied the arts and year's topic, which was biotechnology.

Competitions began in the middle of the year, and were held weekly for the next few months. Thanks to the school district's new

fiber optic system, the team never had to leave the Hoover library.

Due to their performance at the regional level, the team advanced to state competition. They finished in 11th place, and senior Leta Steffen placed fourth at the individual level, earning her a trip to the Nationals in Florida.

The Knowledge Master/Quiz Bowl teams, which answered questions by computer and buzzer, also had some victories. A team of seniors Matt Buckley, Angie Bogle, Ben Knowles, and sophomore Loan Pham placed third at a tournament at Drake.

Freshman Thai Do, sophomore Loan Pham, junior Tim Sipma, and senior Erica Swanson study for a Decathlon contest.



photo by Pam Pilcher

Seniors Peter Barrette and Shawntelle Madison prepare for an Academic Decathlon competition with senior Leta Steffen. Unlike the other academic competitions, Knowledge Master and Quiz Bowl, Academic Decathlon included written essays and speeches.

Academic Decathlon members, back row - Leta Steffen, Vu Pham, Patrick Fergus; second row - Thai Do, Donechanh Inthalangsy, Jeanda Cavan, Ben Knowles; front - Shawntelle Madison, Angie Bogle, Huang Do, Erica Swanson, Kurt Behn, Matt Buckley. Not pictured - Nick Anderson, Peter Barrette, Chris Esperson, Loan Pham, Dao Tran.



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Seniors Vu Pham, Leta Steffen, Huang Do, Kurt Behn, and sophomore Loan Pham sit for the state Academic Decathlon tournament in Denison, Iowa.



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Seniors Vu Pham, Peter Barrette, Huang Do, Kurt Behn, Leta Steffen, sophomore Loan Pham and freshman Thai Do show their awards.

Senior Kurt Behn confers with freshman Nick Anderson.

*Academic clubs
by Avery Palmer*

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT CULTURES

Hoover hosted three students from three unique cultures. The exchange students were Olga Shevtsova from Russia, Toshihiro Ueda from Japan, and Jasmin Ferrera-Carretas from Germany.

Shevtsova, who stayed with Lisa and John Shaeffer and Katy and Sarah Tyrrell, was involved with many activities. She said her most memorable experiences have to do with those activities, which included volleyball and tennis.

When asked about the biggest difference between the U.S. and Russia she said, "The people here are really different. Americans seem to care much more about money than Russians do."

Ueda, who stayed with Gary, Penny, and Dominic Bisignano,

participated in the male fashion show and was a member of the track team. When asked about his most memorable experience he said that it was Homecoming and the fashion show. Ueda said he believes that everything in the U.S. is different from Japan. Of Americans he said, "American people are crazy."

Ferrera-Carretas, whose host mother was Annette Duffy, was involved in drama and choir. Her most memorable experience was the fact that "everybody is friendlier here." When asked about the biggest difference between the two countries she said, "We have more freedom as teenagers in Germany because we can do things at a younger age."

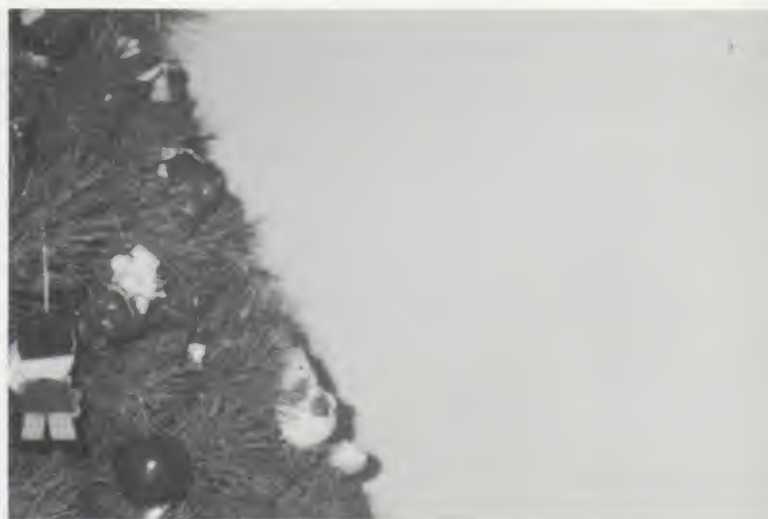


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Senior Jasmin Ferrera-Carretas shovels snow for the first time.

Senior Jasmin Ferrera-Carretas shows her presents on her first American Christmas.

Senior Olga Shevtsova stands in front of an ice figure in Gorky Park in Moscow, Russia.



OLGA SHEVTSOVA, RUSSIA

Favorite food: Italian

Favorite colors: green, navy blue, black

Favorite thing to do on weekends: go out with friends



TOSHIHIRO UEDA, JAPAN

Favorite food: fruit

Favorite colors: black, white, silver

Favorite thing to do on weekends: go out with friends



JASMIN FERRERA-CARRETAS, GERMANY

Favorite food: lasagna

Favorite color: blue

Favorite thing to do on weekends: go out with friends



photo by Dima Korolev



photo by Annette Duffy



photo by Sveta Legasteva

Senior Olga Shevtsova walks out of an ice hole in Gorky Park in Moscow, Russia.

STUDENTS CROSS CULTURES IN THE RUSSIAN EXCHANGE

For the second year in a row, ten Hoover students participated in an exchange program with Russia. The program, funded by the federal government, allowed them to host Russian students and then to stay with their student's family in Moscow - all for little more than the cost of a passport.

In addition to Hoover, five Des Moines area schools participated in the program. Science teacher Don Perschau represented the Hoover faculty, and hosted a Russian teacher.

The Russian students stayed in Iowa for the month of February. Hoover students visited them in April. While in Russia, they attended their hosts' high school, called #429. They also saw the Kremlin, the Valle, the symphony, several museums, and also

took a trip to St. Petersburg.

Upon their return, most of the Hoover students were openly enthusiastic. Several of them, including Aaron Theise, described it as "an experience I will never forget."

On the whole, Hoover students appeared enthusiastic about the opportunity to live in and learn about another culture. Junior Jodi Solberg said, "I loved to see all the beautiful places and buildings... I especially learned a lot about the Russian culture and way of life." Though some things, such as the sanitation, made them less enthusiastic, all of the people who participated said they were grateful for the experience.

St. Basil's Cathedral, in Moscow's Red Square, was one of the visits the exchange student visited.



photo by Dave Peterson

Faculty representative Don Perschau, Jodi Solberg, Mrs. Perschau, and Mrs. Solberg, get ready to journey to Russia.

Russian exchange participants: front - Emily Minnis, Kathie Taylor, Cassie Murphy, Tim Sipma, Patrick Fergus; middle - Aaron Theise, Souky Wangkham, Dave Peterson, Jodi Solberg; back - Don Perschau, Nic Hoover.

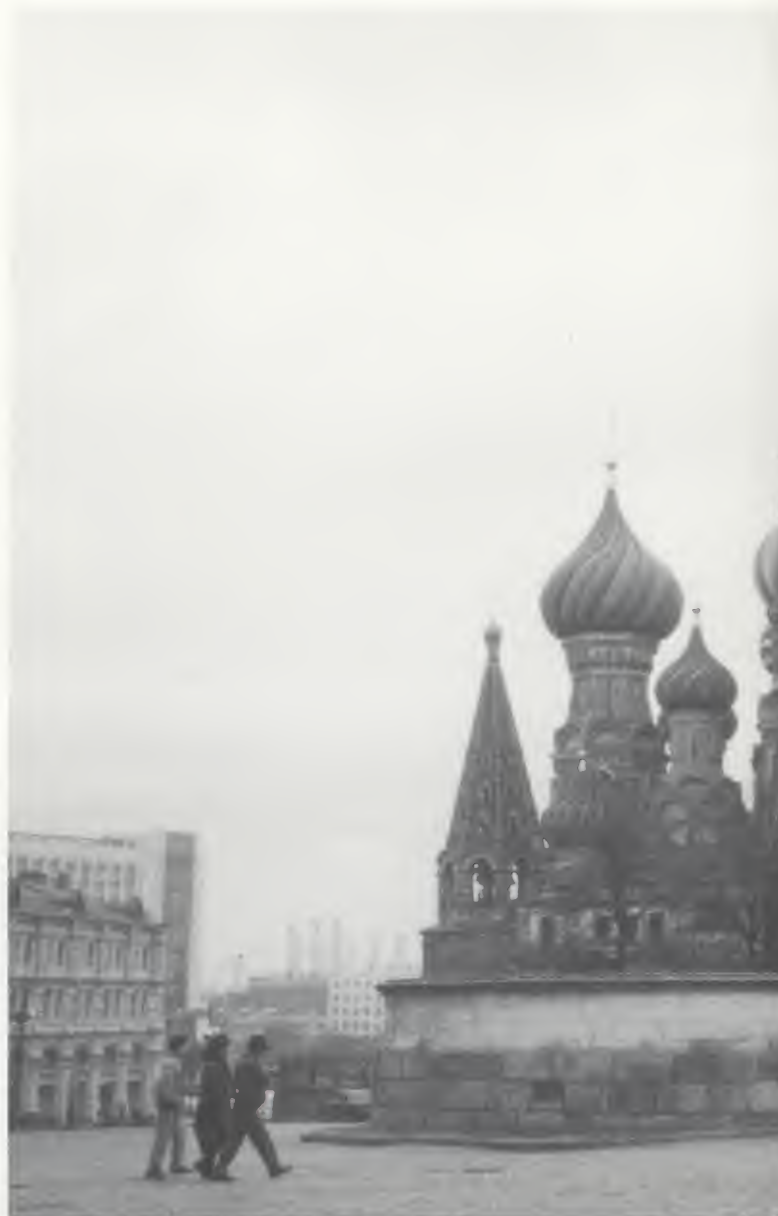


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Moscow's open-air museum holds many monuments like this cathedral.



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Juniors Patrick Fergus and Jodi Solberg teach English to Russians in school #429.

Perschau confers with juniors Emily Minnis and Jodi Solberg, and senior Souky Wangkham.

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Everyone looks forward to graduation. From the time we are freshmen, all we concentrate on is getting out of here and out on our own. Even so, it's important for former students to remember the things that happened in the world while they attended high school. The things that seemed so important at one time are soon forgotten. The mini-mag is intended to bring together events of the past year. Hopefully in 20 years, students can look back and say, "Oh yeah, I remember that!"

So what are the big stories of the year? The Republicans were brought to power in the legislative branch. "Forrest Gump" and Tom Hanks took the story of a mentally-challenged man to the heights of Academy Award fame, while the acclaimed documentary "Hoop Dreams" was snubbed. A 4600-pound bomb of fertilizer and fuel oil destroyed a federal building in Oklahoma City. The 25th anniversary of Woodstock gathered together bands from then and now for a weekend of mud-filled partying, music, and reflection. And, of course, there were hours and hours of coverage of the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

Within the next five years we all will be out on our own with our own lives and high school will only be a faded memory. Years from now, when our kids are in high school and they look back at this yearbook at all our faded memories, they will believe the crazy stories we told them. They'll stare in amazement and horror at the way people dressed; as we do the same when they walk out the door every morning.

The world is a constantly changing place. Life is like a ride; it's no fun if everything is always the same. Just as changes will be occurring in the world when you look at these pages five, ten, and twenty years down the line, changes were occurring in 1994 and 1995.



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The U.S. hosted the World Cup soccer championship, with playing sites in 12 cities; the U.S. team is seen here playing in a 1-0 loss to eventual champion Brazil.



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Two young boys stand guard during the civil war between Boris Yeltsin's Russia and the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

Massive rainfall brought more than 20 inches of precipitation to Georgia; the resulting flooding like that above killed 31 people.

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MIDDLE EAST PEACE IN DANGER

The quest for Middle East peace pushed onward this year, still feeding off the momentum of the historic meeting between Israeli and the Palestine Liberation Organization at the White House last year. However, this year's plans were slowed by groups on both sides fighting the compromise peace plan.

For Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the problems came from the right wing of his own Labour party. By giving up the Golan Heights and the West Bank, the right-wingers claim, Israel would lose much of the territorial advantage that keeps other countries (notably several Arab nations like Syria that are officially at war with Israel) at bay.

The Palestinians had infighting this year as well. The radical Islamic sect Hamas opposed P.L.O. leader Yasir Arafat this year; they felt that he was too conciliatory on the issue of Palestinian sovereignty. The Israeli government did give limited sovereignty to the Palestinians under a so-called Palestinian Authority headed by Arafat, but Hamas complained that Arafat should not be the sole representative for the Palestinians.

The issues of settlements and Jerusalem also loomed on the horizon. Jewish settlements in the occupied territories became an issue when an agreement was broken when Rabin allowed some settlements to expand. Also, both sides hinted that they would begin to press the issue of possession of the holy city of Jerusalem. The perennial problem of religious bickering in the Middle East was set to be a major focus of negotiations in the following years.

President Clinton oversees the historic handshake of Jordan's King Hussein and Israel's prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.



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ELECTION KEYS CLINTON'S ROUGH YEAR

President Clinton's year was dominated by the run-up to the 1994 elections. As the elections wore on, Clinton's took the traditional role of trying to lead the Democratic Party; he endorsed Democratic candidates across the nation. After Republican gains in the Congress, Clinton again was leading the Democrats, but this time against the Contract with America, the Republicans' ten-point plan scale back the federal government.

Though unable to stop several of the Contract's other provisions, Clinton was successful in stopping the controversial balanced-budget amendment. Forced to attack the G.O.P., Clinton accused the Republicans of cutting social programs like school lunches while giving tax cuts to the rich - he described the Republicans as being the party of those with money and clout. After the Oklahoma City bombing, Clinton attacked what he considered the hateful rhetoric of the right, using a Michigan State University commencement speech to attack those who attack the government.

On the foreign front, the Clinton administration faced several problems. Boris Yeltsin played to extreme nationalists by attacking the breakaway republic of Chechnya; Clinton tried to persuade Yeltsin to accept a peace. The Middle East struggled

to find peace as Israelis and Palestinians struggled to deal with extremists on both sides of the argument. Ethnic fighting between the Serbs, Croats, and Muslims erupted in the former Yugoslavia. An attack by rebels in the Mexican province of Chiapas led to the collapse of the peso on currency markets worldwide; to preserve the economic stability of Mexico, Clinton reached for executive privilege to

find money to stabilize the wobbly NAFTA member. Other matters of world trade also preoccupied the administration, as the President struggled to get GATT passed and also to avoid a trade war with Japan.

The State of the Union address let President Clinton make domestic policy suggestions to the new Republican Congress.



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A BLOW TO THE HEART



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Time magazine called it "the worst terrorist action ever." On Wednesday morning, April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m. the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was wracked by an explosion that destroyed nearly half the building.

There were many theories as to who was behind the explosion. Some politicians and commentators pointed to Islamic terrorists because of the anti-Muslim sentiment. The feds suggested members of a citizen militia targeting government agencies housed in the building. Others connected it with the government raid on the Branch Davidian Complex two years before to the day.

Timothy James McVeigh and Terry Lynn Nichols were accused of being responsible for the blast.

Over an hour after the bombing, McVeigh was pulled over outside of Perry, Oklahoma, some 60 miles north of Oklahoma City, for not having license plates. The officer noticed McVeigh was wearing a semiautomatic pistol. He was arrested on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, driving without either tags or insurance. McVeigh was about to be let out of the Perry jail on \$500 bail when the FBI called and said to hold the suspect.

McVeigh was in the Army when he met Nichols. They were said to both have demonstrated strong negative feelings about the government.

Terry Nichols was involved in the Michigan Militia. The militia felt that the government agencies such as the FBI and ATF did the same thing in Waco that the bombers did in Oklahoma City; they felt this was supposed to justify the act. The militia denied ever being involved with Nichols.

A neighbor of Nichols said Nichols along with McVeigh and Nichols brother, James, were amateur bomb makers who would call him over to watch them set off bombs made with household chemicals and plastic jugs.

McVeigh rented a Ryder truck to transport the bomb made of fuel oil and ammonium nitrate. Both of these ingredients were found at Nichols' house along with blue barrels matching the pieces found at the bomb sight.

Just under 200 people were killed, including 18 children who were in a daycare located in the building. At the time of printing, two women remained unaccounted for.

A rescue worker carries a child from the remains of the federal building. With a daycare center located in the building, several of the dead and missing were young children.

The bomb, a 4,800 pound creation of fuel oil and ammonium nitrate, caused a shock wave felt for blocks. Half of the building was destroyed in the explosion; the rest was demolished at a later date.

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TRIAL OF THE CENTURY

On June 12, 1994, Nicole Brown-Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were stabbed to death. Her husband, Orenthal James Simpson, more commonly known as O.J., was accused of the murders.

Simpson played for the Buffalo Bills. He was the first person to rush for 2,000 yards, and is also a member of the Football Hall of Fame.

On the night in question, Simpson's daughter had a dance recital. Before the recital Nicole had dinner at the restaurant where Goldman worked. Goldman was returning eyeglasses that she had left at the restaurant when the murders occurred.

Simpson's house guest, Brian "Kato" Kaelin, said he and Simpson went to McDonald's. Later, Kaelin heard three thumps outside his room. At the same time, a limo driver was ringing the bell to Simpson's estate to take Simpson to the airport; he stated he did not get an answer. He then noticed a "dark figure" crossing the lawn and entering the house. He rang again and Simpson answered.

The trial received extensive coverage throughout the year - Marcia Clark was the main lawyer for the prosecution, while Johnnie Cochran and Robert Shapiro led the defense. D.N.A. samples, a bloody glove, and tales of physical abuse played prominent roles in the prosecution strategy.

Accused murderer O.J. Simpson watches the proceedings in the courtroom of judge Lawrence Ito. Simpson pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree murder.



BASEBALL ON STRIKE

The baseball season ended early in 1994. The players went on strike in August and a month later the owners voted to cancel the remainder of the regular season, including the playoffs and the World Series. It was the eighth strike in 23 seasons.

The dispute centered on the owners' demand to create cost controls through a salary cap. The players wouldn't accept it and went on strike. It was the first time since 1904 that the World Series, which had survived world wars and an earthquake since its inception in 1903, was not played.

Finally in the spring of 1995 the conflict was resolved and the game played on.

A pair of fans at the Houston Astrodome stand over a sign protesting the baseball strike.



BASEBALL'S 3rd STR



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OSCARS GO 'GUMP' IN THE NIGHT

The 67th Academy Awards were held on Monday, March 27, in Los Angeles at the Shrine Auditorium.

The event was hosted by late-night talk show host David Letterman. He entertained the audience by doing his trademark Stupid Pet Tricks with a whirling German shepherd whose performance rug was rolled out by none other than Tom Hanks.

It was the second consecutive year that Tom Hanks won best actor. Last year Hanks won the prize for his role in *Philadelphia*. Such a repetition is a rare feat; it was last accomplished by Spencer Tracy in 1937 and 1938.

"What a night, what a life, what a moment, what everything."

-- actor Martin Landau

Academy Award Winners

Best Picture-- <i>"Forrest Gump"</i>	Visual Effects-- <i>"Forrest Gump"</i>
Best Director-- Robert Zemeckis <i>"Forrest Gump"</i>	Sound-- <i>"Speed"</i>
Best Actor-- Tom Hanks <i>"Forrest Gump"</i>	Original Screenplay-- <i>"Pulp Fiction"</i>
Best Actress-- Jessica Lange <i>"Blue Sky"</i>	Cinematography-- <i>"Legends of the Fall"</i>
Supporting Actor-- Martin Landau <i>"Ed Wood"</i>	Adapted Screenplay-- <i>"Forrest Gump"</i>
Supporting Actress-- Dianne Wiest <i>"Bullets Over Broadway"</i>	Art Direction-- <i>"The Madness of King George"</i>
Makeup-- <i>"Ed Wood"</i>	Musical Score-- <i>"The Lion King"</i>
Film Editing-- <i>"Forrest Gump"</i>	Original Song-- <i>"Can You Feel the Love Tonight"</i> by Elton John, from <i>"The Lion King"</i>
Sound Effects Editing-- <i>"Speed"</i>	

WOODSTOCK RETURNS

On the weekend of August 12, 1994, in Saugerties, New York, 25 years after the original Woodstock, it happened again: round-the-clock rock, cheers of 350,000 fans, sheets of rain and rivers of mud.

Tickets went for \$135 a piece, and the event could be seen on pay-per-view television for \$49.95.. A CD of the events' music was sold after the festival.

The fans sloshed and moshed in the mud on what became a 840-acre litter-strewn bog.

The organizer of the original Woodstock, Michael Lang, was also responsible for putting together the second festival. He lured talent ranging from the '60's icon Bob Dylan to the futuristic noise of Nine Inch Nails. Other artists included Santana, The Allman Brothers, The Band, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Spin Doctors, Cypress Hill, and Melissa Etheridge.

A horde of people dance to the music in the muddy expanse of the second Woodstock.



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DES MOINES FOLLOWS NATIONAL TREND AS LOCAL ABORTION CLINICS RECEIVE THREATS

In the first week of 1995, two local Planned Parenthood clinics received four threatening phone calls. One caller allegedly said, "I'm going to kill you and do the same thing that happened in Massachusetts."

Brookline, Massachusetts was the scene of shootings that claimed the lives of two and injured five others. The shootings occurred at places providing abortion services, and occurred in the last week of 1994.

The police said they took this very seriously and did everything they could to find the source of the calls, but the identity of the caller was never known. The calls were never acted upon.

U.S. Marshals have been parked outside the Des Moines Central Planned Parenthood clinic since June of 1994 when the pro-life Operation Rescue spokesperson David Shedlock held a protest and went to jail for using physical force against a U.S. Marshal.

Students had many different reactions. One person said, "I went down there and there was an extra security guard at the door, so it didn't bother me." Another said, "It scares me to think that could happen."

"I think it's sad when the 'pro-life' people start killing people. It kind of defeats their whole purpose."

-- anonymous



artwork by Aaron Starek

POLL OF HOOVER STUDENTS: ARE YOU SEXUALLY ACTIVE?

50%

40%

30%

20%

52%
No

48%
Yes

27%
Don't use birth control

REPUBLICANS TAKE CONTROL OF CONGRESS

After years of congressional domination by Democrats, the G.O.P. took control of both congressional houses in the November elections. Led by Newt Gingrich, the dynamic and controversial House leader of the Republicans, the G.O.P. developed the "Contract With America", a policy platform that Republicans promised to act upon if they were elected to office. The contract, which included provisions for a balanced budget amendment, large cuts in social spending, and more responsibility for state governments, a main point of contention during the elections.

The G.O.P. hit the trifecta; not only did the Republicans rack up elected majorities in both the House and the Senate (Gingrich and Robert Dole were named Majority Leaders in the House and Senate, respectively), but they also scored big in the governor's races. After the elections, the majority of state governors were Republicans, including governors of seven of the eight most populous states. Critics like Fred Barnes of *The New Republic* hint that this may be important in 1996, as fund-raising will be easier for the G.O.P.'s presidential campaign with fellow Republicans running the statehouses.



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Speaker of the house, Newt Gingrich, talks with the press about plans for the "Contract With America".

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YOU LIKED...

HOT

baby doll tees
platforms
E.R.
O.J.
World Cup
Jordan in basketball
cowboy boots
"Forrest Gump"
"Lion King"
Lucky Dungarees
bell bottoms
daisy dukes
muscular bodies
Brad Pitt
tattoos
Jodie Foster
"Friends"
Reba McEntire
Notorious B.I.G.
Hank Williams, Jr.
Tootsie Roll
Line dancing
Ace of Base
Smashing Pumpkins

NOT

oversized tees
flats
Chicago Hope
Tonya & Nancy
Baseball strike
Jordan in baseball
high tops
"Jurassic Park"
"The Little Mermaid"
Lee Jeans
fold-rolling
spandex
"waif" look
Tom Cruise
body piercing
Shannon Doherty
"Beverly Hills 90210"
Dolly Parton
Hammer
Hank Williams, Sr.
Running Man
Break dancing
N.K.O.T.B.
Red Hot Chili Peppers

Trends are constantly changing - what was the hottest thing out on the market one day more often than not is the thing considered so silly the next day. As soon people get the idea of one trend, it has moved on its way in the vicious world of American pop culture. Yet somehow certain trends seem to find their way back into our hearts; things like bell bottoms, platform shoes, and the whole realm of psychedelic wear always seem to be waving in and out of style.

Then there's the things that will always be in style. When in doubt, just throw on some Levi jeans, a T-shirt, a comfortable pair of tennis shoes, and a baseball cap. For music, some groups will never be out of style; try the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, and Paul Simon.

YOU PAID...

<i>gallon of milk--</i>	<i>\$1.85</i>
<i>loaf of bread--</i>	<i>\$1.09</i>
<i>can of pop--</i>	<i>\$.60</i>
<i>candy bar--</i>	<i>\$.55</i>
<i>17 stick pack of gum--</i>	<i>\$.75</i>
<i>McDonald's Extra Value Meal--</i>	<i>\$2.99</i>
<i>school lunch--</i>	<i>\$1.50</i>
<i>medium pizza--</i>	<i>\$6.99</i>
<i>12 pack of Red Dog beer--</i>	<i>\$7.98</i>
<i>12 Trojan condoms--</i>	<i>\$7.15</i>
<i>pack of Marlboro's--</i>	<i>\$2.25</i>
<i>nail polish--</i>	<i>\$4.25</i>
<i>Soft Lips--</i>	<i>\$2.29</i>
<i>daily newspaper--</i>	<i>\$.35</i>
<i>Sunday newspaper--</i>	<i>\$1.50</i>
<i>gallon of gas--</i>	<i>\$1.05</i>
<i>phone call--</i>	<i>\$.35</i>
<i>20 minute tan--</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
<i>braided weave--</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>movie--</i>	<i>\$5.75</i>
<i>postage stamp--</i>	<i>\$.32</i>
<i>new release video--</i>	<i>\$3.25</i>
<i>new release CD--</i>	<i>\$15.99</i>
<i>1995 Dodge Neon--</i>	<i>\$15,200</i>
<i>1995 Chevy Blazer--</i>	<i>\$27,093</i>
<i>1995 Air Jordan's--</i>	<i>\$135.00</i>
<i>Levi jeans--</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
<i>Cowboy boots--</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>95-96 college tuition--</i>	<i>\$8,000</i>
<i>national debt--</i>	<i>\$5 trillion</i>
<i>sales tax--</i>	<i>5%</i>
<i>minimum wage--</i>	<i>\$4.65</i>

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Algebra, football, and Friday nights. These will probably rank among our most memorable high school experiences. But what about all of the other activities available to the student body? Outside of academics, sports, and social events, a multitude of activities, ranging from performing arts to community service, were offered to interested students.

What about that first starring role in a play, that first band or orchestra concert, or that first choir solo? For the many students who dedicated extra hours before and after school to developing their skills, these moments were especially memorable.

What about that first issue of the school newspaper; that first front page story or photograph? Malfunctioning computers which ruined dozens of disks and late-night deadlines were constant obstacles to be overcome that these students will never forget.

But no matter what the activity, whether it was Key Club, Student Council, or Jazz Band, even more important than the many firsts for the students was the opportunity to explore new things, and possibly prepare themselves for a future career. These activities gave students the chance to develop and showcase their varied talents, as well as make an impact on their environment.

So, what about all of those other activities? From the performance opportunities of the drama and music departments to the projects conducted by the community service clubs, there was something in which all interested students could participate and make a difference. So, it will also be these images that remain with us forever; our firsts, or final goodbyes, and all of the wonderful times in between.



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photo by Natasha Grant

Freshmen Nate Curl and Ann Marie Hansen, sophomore Kristen Langstraat, and freshman Jessie Harris try to cheer up junior Tim Sipma in "It's a Wonderful Life".



photo courtesy of the Drama Department



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Senior Mary Canady and junior Tiffany Camus practice "And So It Goes" for the Senior Awards ceremony on Tues., May 16.

Sophomore Ryan Dow explains the mysteries of the oompah-loompahs to a captive audience including sophomores Sara Tippins, Lela Braden, and senior Andrea Boyd.

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*Activities divider
by Huong Do*

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Vice-president Warnell Ziegler gives his attention to the minutes during a cabinet meeting.

Officers Warnell Ziegler, Brad Haugh, Adam Infante, and Charles Walker discuss Student Council business.

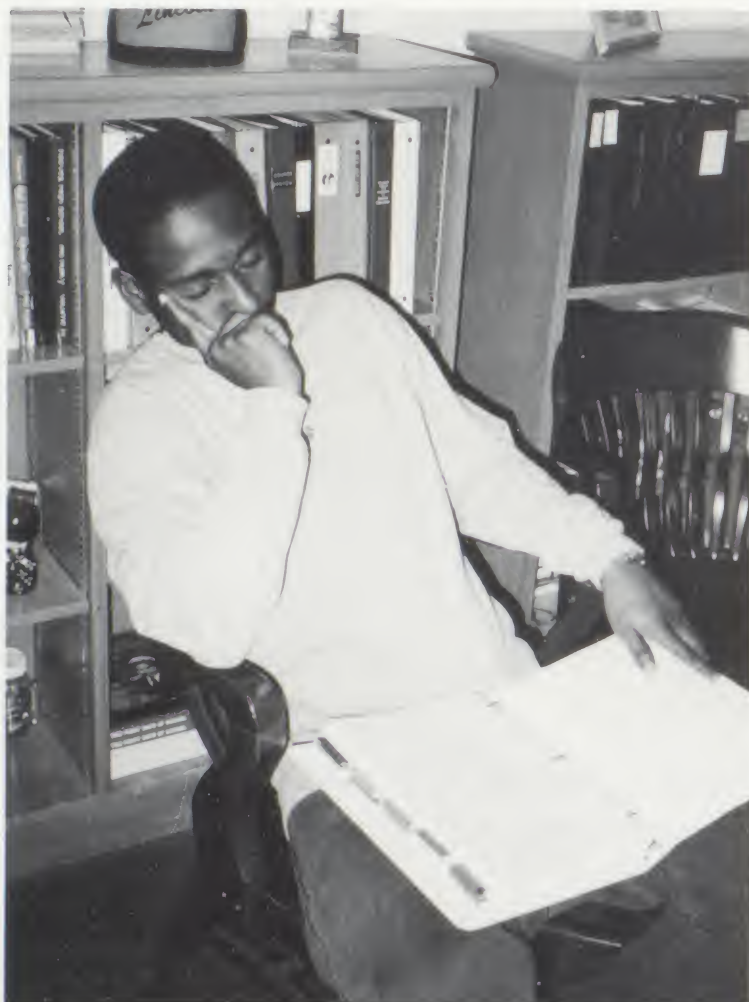


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Student Council members: front - Mary Canady, Shannon Murray, Erica Swanson, Amy Martin, Darci Hoffman, Tara Rossow, Kathie Taylor, Meggan Christensen, Tammy Bacon, Esther Rude; middle - Emily Minnis, Amy Lee, Ultra Thomas, Kristen Jahn, Amanda Sposeto, Heather Mallette, Marci Simonini, Nikki Johnson, Kathi Buckley; back - Elizabeth Burnquist, Sally Allan, Jacob Smith, Nicole Drake, Charles Walker, Ramon Christopher, Samson Boutchee, Brad Haugh, Mark Meyer, Warnell Ziegler, John Miller III. Not pictured - Wesley Burrell, Trent Skinner.



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Treasurer Adam Infante and secretary Brad Haugh discuss Student Council activities with the rest of the cabinet.

President Ayesha Abdullah addresses the student body while Amy Lee, Billy Howe, and Brad Haugh listen closely.



photo by Tanica Farley

First semester Student Council officers: secretary Brad Haugh, president Charles Walker, treasurer Adam Infante, and vice-president Warnell Ziegler.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Second semester Student Council officers: front - treasurer Billy Howe, secretary Amy Lee; back - vice-president Brad Haugh, president Ayesha Abdullah.

STUDENT COUNCIL STRIVES TO LEAD, IMPROVE SCHOOL

This year Student Council worked hard to get every student involved in school activities.

The spirit committee helped the social committee with mixers. They also assisted the homecoming committee with selling spirit links and all together they raised about \$2,000 through selling T-shirts and other fundraisers. They organized the use of the pep bus for football games, painted posters all year, and decorated for the pep assemblies.

There were a total of 11 committees, and they each contained a sponsor and a chairperson, who worked with the faculty.

Student Council had a new member this year, Dennis Cumpston, the dean of students, who worked with vice-principal Dennis Ramsey as his assistant. Cumpston said that he enjoyed working with the Student Council members, noting that it was a

great experience for him and that there was a fantastic turnout during homecoming festivities.

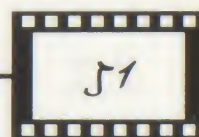
The members of the fall cabinet were all senior males, with the election winners being president Charles Walker, vice president Warnell Ziegler, secretary Brad Haugh, and treasurer Adam Infante.

Ziegler said, "This year the officers wanted to make student council bigger and better than before, and get everyone involved and help make the year memorable and an exciting year."

Elections for the spring cabinet ended the cabinet of senior males, with junior president Ayesha Abdullah, junior secretary Billy Howe, and junior treasurer Amy Lee. Haugh was again elected to the cabinet, as vice-president.

The spring cabinet members were trying to keep order and run the Student Council meetings smoothly, said Abdullah.

*Student Council
by Tanica Farley*



Newspaper staff: front - Shannon Murray, Erica Swanson, Amy Martin, Darci Hoffman, Tara Rossow, Kristen Jahn, Leanne Sergio, Angela Bogle; back - Michelle Murphy, Huong Do, Matthew Buckley, Ramon Christopher, Chad Murray, Esther Rude, and Rachel Decker. Not pictured - Kurt Behn, Avery Palmer, Steve Whitney, Andre Alexander, Megan Carrico, Billy Howe, Josh Huling, Mike Kelly, Heather Mallette, Katie Streeter, Aaron Ramsey.

"It was more than just another class."

-- senior Andre Alexander



photo by Mullica

CHALLENGER GOES BIWEEKLY TO PROVIDE CURRENT NEWS

The newspaper class accomplished its goals and made several changes. The class published the school newspaper, *The Challenger*, which was distributed biweekly for the first time in school history.

"We started to publish biweekly so that the students would receive more current news," adviser Laura Ahrendt said. "We didn't want them to be reading about things that happened three weeks ago," she added.

Some of the improvements made to the paper were the distribution every two weeks instead of three, the addition of four pages to make a total of 12, and the occasional use of spot color. The class also published several special edition magazines.

The staff, which consisted of one sophomore, seven juniors, and 13 seniors, was led by the editors-in-chief, seniors Matt Buckley and Rachel Decker.

"We worked really hard to meet the earlier deadlines," Decker said. "It took a lot of extra time, but we were able to meet most of our goals," she said.

Senior Andre Alexander said

that the students involved in newspaper this year were a lot more dedicated. "To some people, it was more than just another class," he said.

Senior Tara Rossow said that she enjoyed covering hard news stories that the student body could relate to. "I enjoyed being able to express my opinions on a variety of topics," she said.

Another major change was the addition of a photojournalism class. These students were assigned to take pictures of many school events for the newspaper, as well as for the yearbook. They learned how to process their own black and white negatives and prints; they used a darkroom in the back of the journalism room.

"We have been trying to improve the quality of pictures in both the newspaper and yearbook, but have never had the opportunity. With the photojournalism class, we can teach people to take better pictures," Ahrendt said.

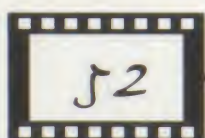
"We've had a better paper this year than in years past," Erica Swanson said.



photo by Kristen Jahn

Seniors Amy Martin and Esther Rude proofread their newspaper story.

Senior Tammy Bacon and junior Marci Simonini work on yearbook spreads.



Newspaper
by Tanica Farley



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Kristen Jahn

Senior Matt Buckley concentrates hard while correcting yearbook proofs.

Yearbook staff: front - Michelle Murphy, Huang Do, Shannon Murray, Erica Swanson, Amy Martin, Darci Hoffman, Tara Rossow, Kristen Jahn, Tammy Bacon, Angela Bogle, Rachel Decker; back - Amy Lee, Nicole Vortherms, Matt Buckley, Trent Skinner, Nic Hoover, Marci Simonini, Dena Shoemaker, Kari Greenlee, and Leanne Sergio. Not pictured - Wesley Burrell, Megan Carrico, Dominic Bisignano, Tanica Farley, Mande Graham, Jeff Morlan, Angela Neve, Taylor Newman, Avery Palmer, Jay Simonini, Andre Alexander.



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YEARBOOK STAFF WORKS TO MAKE CREATIVE CHANGES

The Husky staff made many changes for this volume. One of the most important changes was changing yearbook companies, choosing Jostens for this book. The new company provided better picture quality reproduction, quicker turn-around time with proofs, and a new disk submission format designed to catch more errors.

Another big change was to decrease the size of copy text. This allowed for more information about activities, sports, and clubs be placed on their pages.

This yearbook class, composed of over thirty members, is the largest class in the three years that adviser Laura Ahrendt has been teaching at Hoover.

"We have a really good group of students," she said. "The class seems very motivated to make the book the best it can be, and they're all enjoyable to work with."

"This year's yearbook class is trying to be more creative and bring out the individuals that make up Hoover," Senior Pages Editor Michelle Murphy said.

The staff consisted of one sopho-

more, nine juniors, and 18 seniors. The editors-in-chief were seniors Matt Buckley and Amanda Graham.

"The job takes a lot of time, but it's work that needs to be done," Buckley said. "It's rewarding working with such a diverse group of people...it really adds to the quality of the book."

The class participated in several fundraisers in order to add spot color and more pages and get a better cover for the yearbook. They sold candy and holiday items before Christmas and sold refreshments between finals for both semesters.

Matt Buckley said his goals for the book were to make it "something that Hoover students will look at later in life and remember the times they had." He added that he wants the yearbook "to look like real effort went into it."

Graham said that she wanted it to look better than the years before and have it here on time.

Throughout the year the most important goal was to meet deadlines, senior Wesley Burrell said.

Burrell said that he took this class to contribute to Hoover in a positive way.

Senior Matt Buckley presides over the first Puppy Congress, a congress held for rookie debaters, held at Hoover.

Debate team: front - Avery Palmer, John Miller, James Grimaldi, Jason Van Hemert, Matt Buckley; middle - Shannon Green, Jessica Harding, Jodi Helton, Don Inthalangsy, Nikki Johnson, Brenda Bass; back - Sara Tippins, Talia Burnett, David Nadler, Nate Herron, Lena Cavan, Ryan Dow, Colin Johnson. Not pictured - Kim Peddycoart, Steve Whitney.



photo by Mullica

DEBATERS EXCEL ON THE COMPETITIVE IHSSA CIRCUIT

Keyed by performances by several returning letter-winners, the Hoover debate and forensics squad brought home several awards this year both in their fields of student congress and also in the state speech competition.

The debaters spent the year involved mainly in student congress, in which students act as if they were representatives in Congress. Students must exhibit analytical thought on issues, be able to speak persuasively, and also must show knowledge of the parliamentary rules that govern the events.

Led by co-captains senior Matt Buckley and junior Jason Van Hemert, and also by junior J.K. Grimaldi, the team set off a hopeful campaign.

The team went on the Iowa High School Speech Association circuit. This circuit of eastern Iowa schools that host tournaments includes Ames, Denison, Fort Dodge, and Sioux City.

Buckley began with a first-place ranking in the Fort Dodge tournament. In Denison, he claimed fourth, while Grimaldi

placed first.

At the IHSSA championships in Ames, Buckley, Van Hemert, and Grimaldi all received second place finishes.

Buckley said he considered Ames a season highlight. "Three second place finishes against the best competition in the district is a great accomplishment...the improvement that we've shown is incredible."

At the All-Iowa finals held in Iowa City in mid-February, Buckley, Grimaldi, and Van Hemert were chosen after the preliminary rounds to participate in the Super Congress.

The team's student congress finale was at the Eastern Iowa District NFL Qualifiers; Grimaldi finished third at this event.

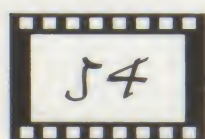
Buckley, who had been a two-year co-captain, was "proud" of the squad. "Van Hemert and Grimaldi have been a big help. When I came here the program didn't even exist; now with the help of those kids Hoover has a debate program that not only competes, but wins as well."



photo by Huong Do



photo courtesy of the photojournalism class



Debate

by Matt Buckley and Huong Do



photo by Mullica

Radio and T.V. class: front - Adam Infante, Jason Geyer, Tom Lamb, Mike Grant, Mike Kelly, Trent Skinner; middle - Jeff Scott, Tim Schultz, Jeremy Cooper, Ryan Lundholm, Shawn Karaidos; back - Mark Meyer, Brenda Heggen, Tiffany Walker, Brandon Jones, Bob Stinson, and Aaron Ramsey. Not pictured - Joah Hogan.

"Radio / T.V. is a quality class that teaches me the decency and prudence of video editing."

-- senior Adam Infante



photo by Jay Simonini

Junior Jeff Scott prepares the equipment to make a radio broadcast from the KDOG

Junior John Miller presents his "How to make bread" speech during debate class.

RADIO / T.V. CLASS DELIVERS "HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES"

"Radio and T.V. film is a great place for hands-on practice and experience in the audio/video field," radio/T.V. instructor Kirk Johnson said.

"Last year I felt that our HHS video yearbook was not very pleasant, so I figured that the only way to fix a problem is to help it, so I joined the class and I'm having a real good time," junior Tiffany Walker said.

The class had very broad guidelines, which included a lot of do-it-yourself hands-on projects, Johnson said. These projects focused on the audio and visual representation of text and included television promotions, radio broadcasts, movie reviews, clay animation, and music videos.

"This class teaches us the fundamentals of video editing and designing music videos. It exposes us to the technical side of movies and radio," senior Bob Stinson said.

The radio / T.V. film class is a full-year course designed to explore the production and history of radio, video, and film. The

students studied past and present films that have been recognized for their merit by winning an Academy Award in any of several categories, including best picture, best actor, or best actress.

The enrollment in the radio / T.V. course was 24 students. These students all worked together using the studio, camcorders, video editors, and other audio/video equipment to create audio, and audio/video projects.

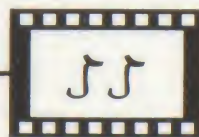
"It's a fun, great experience for anyone that is interested in that field of communications," said senior Trent Skinner.

The major projects this year were to prepare a lunch time radio program for KDOG. KDOG is Hoover's piped-in radio station that gives radio / T.V. students a chance to play popular music and deliver the school news on the air.

The video yearbook sold for \$15 and ran about one hour in length. The proceeds from the video yearbook went toward the purchase of better equipment for the class, Johnson said.

Radio/T.V.

by Jeff Morlan and Mande Graham



Junior Marci Simonini, freshman Sarah Hinchliff and junior Melissa Christ march off the football field after the halftime performance.

The Flag Corps: front - Melissa Christ, Jennifer Brandt, middle - Marci Simonini, Erica Hanlon, Dana Clarke, Kelly Nelson, back - Allison Musser, Andrea Kueck, Kristina Selander, Sarah Hinchliff, Heather Taft.



photo by Mande Graham

YOUNG FLAG CORPS TWIRLS IN STYLE

Marching and twirling their flags so proudly and majestically, the 11 members of the flag corps charmed the crowds at every home football game and at the pep assemblies.

The corps performed pre-game and halftime routines with the marching band at the four home games. They also participated in two parades and performed a special routine during the Homecoming assembly.

Juniors Jennifer Brandt and Melissa Christ were the co-captains of the squad. During the previous summer, they had attended the annual Marching Auxiliaries camp held at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Their work at the camp resulted in both of them receiving a Grand

Champion Award. They were two of 11 girls out of the 45 that auditioned to receive an award.

The flag corps was a young group - in addition to both the co-captains being juniors, the group had no seniors this year.

"Flags this year was really great. We've had a lot of fun doing our routines. This year was the best year ever, even though we were a young flag corps," Brandt said.

The flag corps members performed several different routines at the football games to the songs "Respect", "Scarborough Fair", "Aquarius", and they performed the Homecoming assembly routine to "Joy". The routines were choreographed by Brandt and Christ.



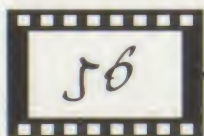
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photo by Linda Christ

The members of the flag corps practice before performing in the Beaverdale Parade on Sat., Sept. 17.

The drum majors: front - senior Amy Glas, back - senior Jennifer Doughman.



Flag Corps
by Tammy Bacon



photo by Susan Doughman



photo by U.S. Group Photography

Seniors Jennifer Doughman and Amy Glas warm up the band before the Beavertdale Parade on Sat., Sept. 17.



photo by Jolesch

"I like watching the band grow as a whole. We've done really well the last couple of years."

-- senior Amy Glas

THE LEADERS OF THE PACK

It's state contest time and they are told to have the band take the field. As the band stands at parade rest, their hearts beat faster and faster and the adrenaline pumps more and more. They do their salute to the judges and then it's time. Now it's time to show what being a Hoover drum major is all about.

Taking the podium, they must remember everything they learned at summer camp and all of those cold and tiring 7 a.m. rehearsals. When it's all over and the judges have sounded the gun, the drum majors are already thinking about the next exciting performance.

The drum majors were seniors Amy Glas and Jennifer Doughman. Glas said, "Being drum major has been a great experience. There are a lot of responsibilities. I like watching the band grow as a whole. We've done really well the last couple of years."

This was Glas' second year at the post, since she also served as drum major during her junior

year. "It was harder last year since we both were new, but this year it was easier because I knew what to expect," she said.

Jennifer Doughman was the second drum major. She was chosen from among seven other members of the band, all of whom underwent a rigorous process in order to pick the best selection. Everyone that wanted to try out for the post was required to attend a three day workshop. During the workshop, the drum majors from the previous year helped the girls display their skills by directing, marching, and yelling the commands. On the fourth day, everyone auditioned in front of a panel of judges. This way the band could be sure it had the best person for the job.

Doughman said, "Being drum major has a ton of responsibilities, but the work is worth it in the end. The band has grown larger this year and I hope it will grow even larger in the future."

Drum Majors
by Tammy Bacon

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Senior Jeff Sharp prepares for the half-time show at Hoover's field.

Marching Band, front row -- Melissa Christ, Kelly Christopher, Jodi Wineminger, Mandi Gremmer, Andrew Fetter, Nathan Ferguson, Sara Carlson, Amy Glas, Jennifer Doughman, Aaron Starek, Jay Rothmeyer, Spencer McGinnis, Nate Curl, Candace Sater, Jennie Ruby, Jennifer Brandt; second row -- Kelly Nelson, Heather Taff, Cathy Claycomb, Tricia Van Zee, Kristi Larson, Carrie Stackhouse, Jenny Fath, Carmen Hanson, Colin Melton, Theresa Hedrick, Mary Mefford, Holly Feickert, Angela Neve, Stephanie Miner, Lyssa Dusenbery, Tammy Bacon, Christie Gettys, Dana Clark, Andrea Kueck, Allison Musser; third row -- Kristina Selander, Mike Shultz, Joelle Coons, Lisa Simpson, Jeff Sharp, Aaron Thiese, Mike Mefford, Casey Coppi, Mikel Morris, Crystal Smith, Eboneice Sason, Chad McVey, Matt Griffis, Ben Carter, Kristen Langstraat, Erica Hanlon; back row -- Sara Hinchliff, Angela Sampson, Pat Fergus, Jason Danielson, Dave Juskelis, Chris Sampson, Sara Ellis, Jeff Hopp, John Miller, Andy Hotopp, Andy Rowland, Jared Gilbert, Jamison Beard, Andrew Farley, Jennifer Nentl, Kristen Harris, and Marci Simonini

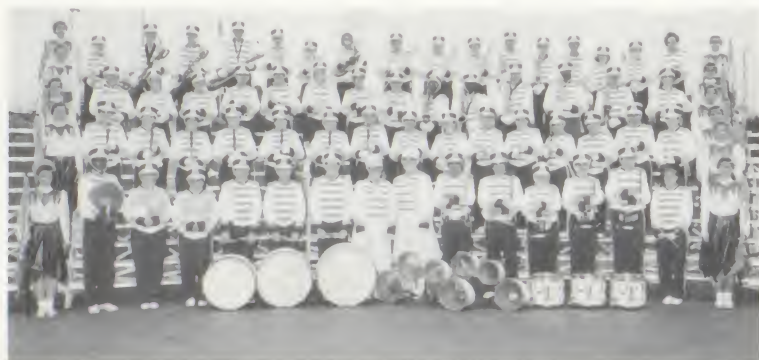


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MARCHING BAND RECEIVES EXCEL- LENT RATINGS

"Our band grew 20 members this year. Every member is very strong musically," director Pat Kearney said.

The marching band consisted of 74 students, most of which were freshmen and sophomores.

"We have a really young band, but there's lots of potential to grow in the next two years," Kearney said.

On Oct. 15, 1994, the marching band participated in the state competition, where they received an excellent rating.

"Even though we fell short of a 'I' rating at state contest this year, we're growing in numbers and by

next year they should be much better prepared for the competition," senior trumpet player Jeff Sharp said.

"For a very young band we still performed really well. It was a fun experience," senior flute player Tammy Bacon said.

Junior flute player Angela Neve said, "We had a lot of freshmen, so it was challenging to keep them in line."

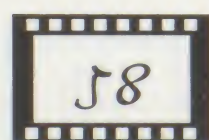
"We have a lot of inexperienced freshmen. But the senior leadership really helped make the band work. They'll be really good when they are seniors," senior percussionist Aaron Starek said.



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Leanne Sergio



Marching Band
by Shannon Murray



photo by Mullica

Concert band: front - Stephanie Miner, Holly Feickert, Angela Neve, Theresa Hedrick, Mikel Morris, Tammy Bacon, Amy Glas, Jennifer Doughman, Jennifer Nentl, Jennifer Ruby, Jennifer Brandt, Jennifer Howe, Jenny Fath, Spencer McGinnis; second row - Mike Schultz, Kristi Larson, Tricia Van Zee, Cathy Claycomb, Kristen Langstraat, Andrea Kueck, Carrie Stackhouse, Ben Carter, Casey Coppi, Mary Mefford, Nathan Ferguson, Andrew Fetter; third row - Mandi Gremmer, Joelle Coons, Kristina Selander, Kristen Harris, Eboneice Sason, Andy Rowland, John Miller, Jeff Sharp, Chris Sampson, Jared Gilbert, Aaron Thiese, Patrick Fergus, Nate Curl, Aaron Starek; back - David Juskelis, Chad McVey, Andrew Farley, Kelly Christopher, Matt Griffiths, Andy Hotopp, Jason Danielson, Sarah Ellis, Mike Mefford, Candace Sater, Sara Carlson, Sarah Hinchliff, Jamison Beard, Crystal Smith, Jay Rothmeyer, Jeff Hopp.



photo by Susan Doughman

Sophomores Dave Juskelis, Jason Danielson, and juniors Pat Fergus and Aaron Thiese perform at half-time of a football game.

Freshman Kristi Larson and senior Jennifer Doughman perform in the Holiday Concert on Dec. 12 in the auditorium.

CONCERT BAND STRIVES TO IMPROVE RATINGS

The concert band, which consisted of 62 students from all four grade levels, practiced each day during first period. Throughout the year, under the direction of Patrick Kearney, the band participated in several concerts and contests.

The band members began the year with the annual Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, followed by the annual winter concert on Feb. 14, both of which were held in the auditorium.

The next performance for the band was the annual Adventureland-Drake Relays Band Festival. Bands from Iowa, as well as Minnesota and Wisconsin, participated in this contest, which was held on Apr. 30. The concert band received a II rating at this event.

For the Iowa High School Music Association Large Group Contest, the band began the task of selecting pieces in January. They rehearsed these pieces from February until the contest date. The contest was held on May 5 at Hoover and Valley. The band also received a II rating at this event.

"Our main goal was to im-

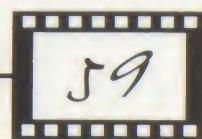
prove from the previous year. I think that we did improve, but we didn't quite get the I rating that we had hoped for", said senior flute player Amy Glas. "We had a good group to work with and kept improving throughout the year", she said.

Many members of the band also performed individually and in small ensembles for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest held on Apr. 8.

The final performance for the entire band was the spring concert and awards ceremony held on May 18 in the auditorium. After the concert, the senior band members were recognized and special awards, such as the jazz musician and band director's awards, were given to the deserving seniors.

The last performance for the underclassmen members of the band was their participation in the commencement activities held at the Drake Knapp Center on May 27. They played "Pomp and Circumstance" with the orchestra for the processional and recessional and accompanied the choirs on "America, the Beautiful".

*Concert Band
by Huong Do*



JAZZ BAND JAZZES UP THE COMPETITION

"This year the jazz band made a lot of progress as the year went by. For some, going to contests and practicing so much was a new experience. Things went well, considering how heavily freshman- and sophomore- weighted we were. We only had one senior, whereas other jazz bands we competed against were strictly seniors with a few juniors," junior Angela Neve said as she summed up the jazz band's season.

Jazz band hosted the largest jazz festival in Iowa on March 4. The concert had ticket sales of about \$3,000.

The jazz band held a fall concert on Nov. 15, and a spring concert May 2. The band also attended six jazz festivals around the Midwest including festivals at UNI and Charles City. They also took a trip to University of Northern Colorado at the end of April. The jazz band ranks sixth out of 15 bands in the District.

"We've taken a few neat trips, like Colorado, so we're getting a lot of experience. Next year we should be pretty good," sophomore Theresa Hedrick said.

Some of this year's featured musicians were Jaime Beard, Cathy Claycomb, Chris Sampson, John Miller, Jared Gilbert, and Jeff Sharp. Claycomb was selected this year for All State. Director Patrick Kearney said, "It is a tremendous honor to be selected and Cathy worked very hard to get there and she deserved to be part of that group."

The Solo and Ensemble festival was held April 8. Jamie Beard received outstanding soloist in his center.

"It was a challenging year considering the band was primarily freshmen and sophomores. Next year looks promising with all but one person returning and with hard work and focused rehearsals we will do well," Claycomb said.



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Jazz Band members, front row - Dave Juskelis, Jeff Sharp, Jon Miller, Andy Rowland, Spencer McGinnis, Mikel Morris; second row - Jolyon Thomas, Jason Danielson, Angela Neve, Cathy Claycomb, Jay Rothmeyer, Mike Schultz, Jared Gilbert; back row - Andrew Farley, Jeff Hopp, Mike Mefferd, Andy Hotopp, Patrick Fergus, Jamie Beard, Chris Sampson, Casey Coppi



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



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Top - Band members Cathy Claycomb, Jared Gilbert, Jaime Beard and Jason Danielson perform at the pep assembly on March 31.

Sophomore Jamie Beard plays a solo for the student body at the Student of All Seasons Assembly on March 31.



Jazz Band

by Dena Shoemaker and Kari Greenlee

ORCHESTRA TAKES NOTES ON MUSIC

Orchestra started off the year with an All-City concert on Oct. 19, in which members from all five Des Moines high schools toured middle schools.

There were ten members in orchestra this year. Conductor David Conrad said, "It's been enjoyable getting to know the students. The smaller group has been working harder and is easier to work with."

Orchestra member Alishia Smock made it to All-State for the second time. Smock, who plays the harp, played with the All-State Band on the weekend of Nov. 19. She said, "I was really excited to be able to go again. It was a lot of fun and the conductor was great. I learned so much and made some new friends."

Some of the other events orchestra participated in were the CIML concert in February, in which every orchestra from schools in the Central Iowa Metropolitan Conference participated. There was also a solo and ensemble

contest in April. The winter concert was held on Dec. 19.

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friends."**

-- sophomore harpist
Alishia Smock

year. We all get along well, and that makes it a great group to play with," said senior Huong Do.

Also, this year a small group of high school and middle school students, participated in the Strolling Strings, which met on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m. They went out to other places, besides Hoover, to perform.

"It's been a very unique year for the orchestra," junior Jona Knox said.

Alishia Smock practices the harp during seventh period orchestra class.



photo by Kari Greenlee



photo by Kari Greenlee



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Ochestra members, front row - Jennifer Merrit, Anna West, Huong Do; back row - Jona Knox, Teon Gunn. Not pictured - Stacy Wilson, Karen Laudenslager, Gilbert Clay, Alishia Smock, Lori Henderson.

Ochestra members Karen Laudenslager, Jona Knox, and Teon Gunn string up a little tune during class.

Orchestra
by Dena Shoemaker and Kari Greenlee

Freshmen Amy Petersen and Tara Taylor watch as they get ready to sing.

Prep Choir members: front - My Le, Traci Bengston, Angela Steward, Jessica Harris, Amanda Griffith, Sarah Wilson; middle - Amy Petersen, Kylie Proctor, Clifford Hobbs, Philip Snyder, Angela Sampson, LaVal Daniels, Lakeasha Whiteside; back - Tiffany Frazier, Abbie Campbell, Latoshia Scott, Damion Erwin, Sara Carlson, Tara Taylor, Cissy Kemp. Not pictured - Stephanie Minor, Lisa Simpson.



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PREP CHOIR BUILDS UPON RAW TALENT

This year's Prep Choir has made "wonderful progress," director Linda Vanderpool said. The group met every school day during first period in Mrs. Vanderpool's room.

"Though the choir was very small, they have improved tremendously," Vanderpool said.

According to Vanderpool, the Prep Choir is basically a large training ground for the future choir groups. The students entering the program begin without any previous choir experience and end the year as much more developed singers, having made wonderful progress, Vanderpool said.

One prep choir member, freshman My Le, was selected for Opus Choir, a special honorary choir group.

The Prep Choir engaged in many activities throughout the year, both to display their talents and to get some experience in

the type of public displays that later choirs frequently put together. They put on a Carols -n- Cocoa concert on Dec. 16, 19, and 21. The concert, a program of carols and holiday cheers designed basically for fellow Hoover students to see the choir perform as a

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— director Linda Vanderpool

single group, attracted attention for the young group, and gave them some deserved peer recognition.

"Since many students aren't able to come and see the choirs perform, we thought this would be a good opportunity," Vanderpool said.



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Concert Choir members: front - Amy Stolki, Michele Bockert, Alicia Hymel, Eleesha King, Nicole Brown, Betsy Bellon, Jennifer Ruby; middle front - Katy Harris, Kristen Jahn, Andrea Ludwick, Missy Priest, Tanya Duncan, Stephany Wells, Precious Carter, Michelle Hill, Toni Priester; middle back - Jaci King, Chawanne Erwin, Kristina Boswell, Farica Robertson, Eurock Harris, Cassie Murphy, Crystal Smith, Amanda Sposeto; back - Mike Childs, Nick Lloyd, Nick Brockman, Josh Brott, Mike Mandt, Adam Neeley, Tim Rech.

"Ms. Vanderpool has raised her expectations of us, so we have worked harder this year."

--senior Amanda Sposeto

CONCERT CHOIR SINGS AT HOME AND ON ROAD

The Concert Choir had a very busy and productive year. The members of the choir spent their fifth periods in room 170, working on their vocal talents. The practice went into producing their shows, which began with a festival at Southeast Polk on Nov. 3, where they received a standing ovation.

While the various events out of school provided many ways in which to showcase their skills, they were still able to give a performance for their classmates at school. In a celebration for the holiday season, they performed alongside the Prep Choir on Dec. 16, 19, and 21 at Carols-n-Cocoa. The group didn't stop entertaining their audience; in addition to traditional Christmas carols, the audience was treated to hot cocoa and other seasonal treats.

On February 21, Concert Choir performed their Masterworks program, in which the choir performed pieces of music they have worked on for a long time. This year their highlight was working on Haydn's "Te

Deum."

They ended the year off by hosting the large group contest on May 6, where schools from all over perform for judges to see what they rate. Other schools competing at the Hoover event were Urbandale, Perry, Ankeny, and Boone; in conjunction with Valley, the two schools provided an opportunity for several Iowa schools to show the results of hard work in the fields of vocal and instrumental music.

Director Linda Vanderpool said, "The Choir had lots of energy and spirit this year. They achieved the ability to do really well."

"Concert Choir has been fun this year. Ms. Vanderpool has raised her expectations of us, so we worked very hard. I've loved all three years of Concert Choir and I'll miss Ms. Vanderpool and all of the underclassmen left behind," senior Amanda Sposeto said.

Vanderpool said she hopes that next year the concert choir will have plenty of new members to supplement the group.



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Concert Choir members Michelle Bockert, Alicia Hymel, and Melissa Priest singing in class.

Lakeasha Whiteside and other choir members anxiously wait to start warm-ups.

Concert Choir
by Amy Martin

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Hoover Harmony performs at the skywalk downtown in front of Younkers on Dec. 20 for their Christmas tour.

" This choir has been a joy to work with."

director Linda Vanderpool



photo by Chrade Younkin

HARMONY EXCELS IN COMPETITION

Hoover Harmony achieved many of their goals this year. They started with their home concert on Nov. 10, in which some of their songs were "Kyrie Eleison", "The Last Words of David", and "Ain'a That Good News".

Next, on Jan. 28, Hoover Harmony went to Creston, Iowa, where they received a "I" at the State Contest. They sang "Deed I Do", "Like Someone In Love", and "If I Loved You".

On Feb. 11 the choir went to the Urbandale Jazz Choir Competition. They received 47 out of 50 points, which placed them second.

On Feb. 21, the choirs held their annual Masterworks Concert. Some songs Harmony sang were "Yesterday", "If I Loved You", and "So It Goes".

On Mar. 18, Hoover Harmony went to Burnsville, Minnesota, for a jazz festival in which they worked with the professional group, Voice Trek. Their next trip was to

the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. They went with the Jazz Band where they performed and were also able to attend a professional concert given by Joe Williams and The Tower of Power.

All choirs had their Awards Concert on May 9. Hoover Harmony's final concert was held on May 25 and 26.

Along with all of the other awards the choir received, they also got the Distinguished Academic Award. The choir members had an average GPA of 3.55.

When asked about how the year went, senior Mary Canady said, "After being in Harmony for three years, it's so exciting to see the progress we've made and to receive the awards that we worked so hard for."

About this year's Hoover Harmony, director Linda Vanderpool said, "This choir has been a joy to work with because they worked well together and they accomplished their goals."



photo by Kristen Jahn

Seniors Adam Neeley and Mary Canady rehearse for the Jazz Festival in Burnsville, Minnesota.



photo by Kristen Jahn

Juniors Aaron Thiese, Cassie Murphy, and Willie Thompson concentrate on their rehearsal.



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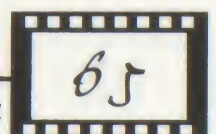
Juniors Jolyon Thomas and Katy Tyrrell practice in front of the rest of the choir.



photo by Mullica

Hoover Harmony, front row -- Rich Nagel, Katy Tyrrell; second row -- Adam Neeley, Tiffany Camus, Aaron Thiese, Cassie Murphy, Rachel Nadler, Farica Robertson, Dan Newman; back row -- Mary Canady, Jolyon Thomas, Megan Mogensen, Liga Rostoks, Ryan Mitchell.

Harmony
by Kristen Jahn



The All-State Musicians: junior Cathy Claycomb, sophomore Alishia Smock, and junior Katy Tyrrell.

Junior Katy Tyrrell rehearses during third period Harmony class.



photo courtesy of Cathy Claycomb

THREE STUDENTS RECEIVE ALL-STATE MUSIC HONORS

The 48th Annual Iowa All-State Music Festival Concert was held on Nov. 19, 1994 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

Qualifying auditions were held on Oct. 22, 1994 in Storm Lake, Hampton, Independence, Atlantic, Indianola and Washington. 6,595 high school musicians competed for 1,069 places in the All-State Band, Chorus and Orchestra. The selected students represented over 200 schools from all over the state.

Junior Cathy Claycomb and sophomore Alishia Smock were chosen to participate in the band, while junior Katy Tyrrell was selected to be a member of the chorus.

Claycomb has played the clarinet in the marching and concert bands for three years. She also plays the saxophone in the jazz band.

"I felt very fortunate that I made All-State. I really wasn't expecting to be chosen, so it was a pleasant surprise. All the hard work has finally paid off," Claycomb said.

For Smock, who plays the harp,

this was her second appearance at All-State. Her freshman year she was chosen to participate in the orchestra. Smock has been a member of the school orchestra for two years. She has also participated in the Des Moines Youth Symphony and Des Moines Youth Chamber Players.

"I had a lot more fun the second time. It was fun working with a great director and great kids from around the state," said Smock.

The audition for instrumental musicians consisted of playing two required pieces, scales, and a solo of their choice.

Tyrrell is an alto who began singing her freshman year in prep choir. The next year she joined Harmony.

Those auditioning for the chorus were required to memorize several songs. During the audition, the judge would choose which parts of which songs he/she wanted to hear.

"I didn't expect to be chosen. I was shocked and surprised. It was really exciting," Tyrrell said.



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photo courtesy of Alishia Smock



*All-State
by Huong Do*



photo by Mande Graham

Sophomore Peter Bognanni, junior Willy Thompson, sophomore Jai Brommel, freshman Nate Curl, and sophomore Eric Boesen participate in a game of "Freak Family Feud" during the Oct. 21 performance.

"It was a blast. I made a lot of new friends."

-- junior V.J. Omundson



photo by Mande Graham

Sophomore Alishia Smock with her harp before the beginning of the All-State concert.

Senior Vivette Perry and junior Jolyon Thomas impersonate singers Bobby Brown and Whitney Houston at the Oct. 21 performance.

OUR 'TABLOID TABOOS' SKEWERED WITH HUMOR BY COMMEDIA VIII

Commedia VIII, titled "It's Snooze to Me: Tabloid Taboos", was performed Oct. 20, 21, and 22. "It was an interesting experience," junior Stephanie Roskamp said, "I loved the Naked Gun-esque humor," she said.

The theme of "tabloid taboos" allowed the cast to show their views on several current issues, though the issues they focused on weren't from news reels and serious magazines, but on the stories and features found in magazines like *The National Enquirer*. The skits included a cast version of what really happened during the O.J. Simpson murder case and parodies of "Beverly Hills, 90210" and a typical '90s newscast. Even the halls of Hoover weren't safe from the wit of the Commedia cast - one skit focused on the Hoover hall monitors, while several other dealt with the life and times of teens.

"I enjoyed working around a theme," director Denis Hildreth said. "It's more challenging than working with several unrelated events."

Hildreth also said that he thinks Commedia is important because it "gives students something no other drama activity can offer, an oppor-

tunity to build an entire show from the bottom up."

"It was a blast," said junior Commedia participant V.J. Omundson. "I made a lot of new friends and even though it was hard work, we all managed to get along and have a good time."

Popular opinion said that the show was pretty impressive, so if you missed it, an excerpt from the director's notes will make the concept behind this Commedia theme a little clearer:

"Believe nothing you see on stage tonight except those things that make you laugh at yourself for having a gossip, a window peeper, and a politically incorrect slob hidden deep within your soul."

The players in this performance were seniors Andréa Boyd, Shannon Green, and Vivette Perry; juniors Lela Braden, Rich Nagel, V.J. Omundson, Natasha Seay, Jolyon Thomas, and Jake Smith; sophomores Alex Albright, Eric Boesen, Peter Bognanni, Kristina Boswell, Jai Brommel, Precious Carter, Tim Nehmer, and Cody Peer; and freshmen Nate Curl, Ann Marie Hansen, and Aimee Ramsey.

Commedia
by Dominic Bisignano

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Sophomore Peter Bognanni discusses finances with junior Rich Nagel while freshman Eric Kintner watches during the Dec. 3 showing.



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"We improved a lot from where we started. It turned out well in the end."

-- junior Rich Nagel

DRAMA DEPARTMENT GIVES NEW "LIFE" TO FALL PLAY

Life - what a wonderful thing. Has anyone said this about his or her life recently? George Bailey was no exception when it came to a dismal outlook on life. He was the main character in "It's a Wonderful Life," the fall play put on Dec. 2-4.

The play opens with George Bailey, played by junior Tim Sipma, ready to end his life because of recent hardships. George's guardian angel, Clarence, played by senior Jeff Kreyling, takes him on a journey through his life, from saving his brother in his childhood to marrying his high school sweetheart, Mary Hatcher. He then brings him up to the present, where his bank, "Savings and Loan," is threatening to close, forcing him to rely on the town scrooge, Henry Potter. Then Clarence shows him what life would be like without him, making George realize how important he really is to the people of Bedford Falls.

Sophomore Kristina Boswell, who played the part of the saucy

Violet Peterson, gave her opinion on Hoover's production. She said, "It went rather smoothly. There were a lot of good actors involved."

Junior Rich Nagel, who played the part of Henry Potter, said, "We improved a lot from where we started. It turned out well in the end."

Along with the hard work that goes into a play there are also some funny moments. Junior Cassie Murphy, who played Mary Hatcher, told of one she had. She said, "Tim and I were dancing in the wedding scene and he was supposed to dip me. Everyone was throwing rice and I slipped, caught my heel on my dress and we fell down together."

When asked what he thought of the play, director Kirk Johnson said, "It was a neat surprise at the end. The large extra cast added a special touch to the familiar story, re-creating the fun feeling from the movie. The townspeople added so much; there were no small parts."



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Junior Cassie Murphy examines the watch on the wrist of junior Tim Sipma; the duo played the couple of George and Mary Bailey in the production.

Sophomores Tim Nehmer, Alishia Smock, and junior Willy Thompson discuss a bottle of wine while junior Lela Braden and sophomores Alex Albright and Sara Tippins anxiously wait for the bride and groom.



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Senior Souky Wangkham and freshman Aimee Ramsey discuss money problems at the "Savings and Loan."

PRODUCTION NOTES

Whenever a play is produced, there are many things that go on that the audience never realizes. Here are a few interesting facts about the production of "It's a Wonderful Life."

-- There were six people to do 31 scene changes.

-- 20 people made their stage debuts.

-- There was a 20-minute intermission.

-- Five people made their technical debuts.

-- Admission was \$3 for students,

\$4 for adults, and \$2 for senior citizens and Hoover students with an SAT.

-- "It's a Wonderful Life" was written by Philip Van Doren Stern.

-- Intermission entertainment was provided by Hoover Instrumental Music, directed by Pat Kearney.

-- Senior Shannon Green was the student director.

-- According to theatre etiquette, no recording equipment was allowed during the performance.

-- Junior Cassie Murphy had nine costumes and ten costume changes.



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The cast: front row - Jennifer Howe, Shannon Green, Vivette Perry, Elizabeth Soike, Souky Wangkham, Cindy Gronert, Elizabeth Woody, Rich Nagel; second row - Jessie Harris, Sara Tippins, Nick Lloyd, Ann Marie Hansen, Eric Kintner, Ryan Balowin, Kristina Boswell, V.J. Omundson, Alicia Hymel, Aimee Ramsey; third row - Alishia Smock, Natasha Seay, Lyssa Dusenbery, Emily Doro, Kristin Langstraat, Kelly Karsen, Andrea Kueck, Carrie Stackhouse, Kim Peddycoart, Chrissy Burner, John Audlehelm, Kristina Selander, Kari Behn, Jeff Kreyling, Willy Thompson, Lela Braden, Andréa Boyd; fourth row - Nate Curl, Cassie Murphy, Tim Sipma, Alex Albright, Ryan Dow, Kyle Bailey, Jason Danielson, Patrick Fergus, Peter Bognanni, Jai Brommel, Cliff Hobbs, Jake Smith; back row - Nick Brockman, director Kirk Johnson, and Jolyon Thomas.

"It's a Wonderful Life"
by Angela Neve

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Junior V.J. Omundson, senior Liga Rostoks and junior Jake Smith get the chills playing the son, father and mother of the poor Bucket family.

Sophomore Alex Albright as Grandpa Joe and V.J. Omundson as Charlie are introduced to Willy Wonka, played by sophomore Ryan Dow.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Junior Jake Smith and senior Liga Rostoks help Alex Albright from the bedside as freshmen Karla Sanchez and Emily Doro lie helpless.



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The oompah-loompahs sing of guzzling sweets.

"We have some excellent young talent at Hoover!"

-- director Denis Hildreth



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Freshman Aimee Ramsey plays "Violet", the gum chewing addict.

CHOCOLATE BRINGS SWEET SUCCESS TO HOOVER SPRING PLAY

When you think of chocolate rivers and oompah-loompahs, what does it remind you of? Probably the Hoover spring play, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".

Shown May 18, 19, and 20, the play was about a young poor boy who won a chance to spend a day touring the great Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory; he experiences a new world with several other winners as well. Among his adventures, he rode on chocolate rivers and was introduced to oompah-loompahs.

Directed by drama teacher Denis Hildreth, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is not like any other play done before at Hoover.

"It is short, about an hour, and yet it has twelve scenes and a chorus!", Hildreth said. "I wanted a play which would be recognized by many children," he said.

The cast had to put a lot of time into practices and rehearsals. For five straight weeks, the cast practiced three hours each day, five days a week, including afternoons and sometimes even late evenings.

"Basically, we were here at school

from 7:00 in the morning till 9:30 at night," sophomore Jay Brommel said.

Out of the 50 students that auditioned, there were approximately 30 cast members. Leading roles were Charlie Bucket, played by junior V.J. Omundson, Willy Wonka played by sophomore Ryan Dow, and Grandpa Joe played by sophomore Alex Albright.

"It's always a thorough job to cast. Height played a role in this play because I needed five students to play children and all the oompah-loompahs," Hildreth said.

Hildreth and the cast found some challenges in the production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" since it was a new play to Hoover's drama department. Working with non-chorus people in singing roles and keeping a fine line between fantasy and absurdity were two main challenges Hildreth said he noticed.

Speaking on the overall cast of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", Hildreth said, "We have some excellent young talent at Hoover and some great leadership from others!"

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
by Amy Lee

Senior Shannon Green rehearses her literary program on the "Holocaust"; in literary program the student does a dramatic reading of other authors' work.

"This accomplishment...made Mr. Johnson and me very proud."

-- director Denis Hildreth



photo by Kathi Buckley

FOUR STUDENTS BEAT THE COMPETITION TO ALL-STATE FESTIVALS

The Hoover drama and speech departments again participated in the Iowa High School Speech Association contests. The Hoover entries competed in one of two types of events; there was a contest for large groups, with six categories, and a contest for individual events, with 14 categories. 15 Hoover students participated in the individual events contest; many more were involved in the large group events.

Hoover was the site of important events in both competitions; the building hosted the large group district contest and the state individual events contest. To move on to the state contest, students must have scored "I" ratings at the district competitions. At the state level, judges chose the best performers out of 14,000 participants from across Iowa and gave them outstanding ratings above the level of "I". Those who received such nominations were then invited to the All-State Festivals.

In the large group contest held earlier in the year, Hoover received a "I" ranking in a one act play, a "I" in choral reading, five "I"s in mine, three "I"s in ensemble acting, and a

"II" in readers' theatre. Sophomore John Audlehelm went to the All-State large group contest for his solo mime performance.

In individual events, three students advanced to the All-State individual event contest held on Apr. 10 at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. Hoover sent seniors Matt Buckley in original oratory and Shannon Green in literary program, and junior James Grimaldi in extemporaneous speaking. These students were among 400 participants chosen to perform at the festival.

"Making the final cut for an All-State nomination is the highest honor given to Iowa speech students," said coach Kirk Johnson. "Hard work, confidence, and showmanship were evident in the performances by Shannon, Matt, and James," he said.

Coaches Denis Hildreth and Johnson were very pleased with the accomplishments of the members of the drama department.

"Hoover had representatives at All-State for the tenth straight year! This accomplishment and other honors the department won at contest this year made Mr. Johnson and me very proud," said Hildreth.



photo by Kathi Buckley

Junior James Grimaldi practices his speech in the teachers cafeteria. His category, extemporaneous speaking, requires a speaker to make a five minute speech on a topic after thirty minutes of preparation.

Freshmen Ben Harris and Quinton Hampton work together with measuring and sizing to build music stands during their play production class.

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Drama Contest

by Amy Lee and Nic Hoover



photo by Amy Lee

Senior Mike Childs begins the process of building music stands by chalking a line as a guide.

Freshmen Ben Harris and Quinton Hampton work together to make production run smooth and accurate.



photo by Amy Lee

PLAY PRODUCTION SETS THE MOOD FROM BEHIND THE SCENES

When you go to a play, do you ever wonder who those people are that run across the stage when the lights are off? Or how about the people who make the props and set designs? These are the people of play production, the ones who work behind the scenes that so many times go unnoticed.

Viewing a play or musical, the audience acknowledges the actors and actresses or the singers and dancers but many of those people do not realize the part play production class contributes to the development of the show.

Play production is a class offered to all students to educate on the "behind the scenes" of the theater, which includes stage painting, design, lighting, sound effects, make-up and building techniques. All of these working together create the mood of the theater that is essential to the success of the show.

Play production created sets

for a variety of plays, adding a lot of variation and excitement to the class.

When asked how the class differs from year to year, play production director Denis Hildreth said, "Every year is dictated by what kind of plays are on each year."

Since every individual play requires certain props, they were always having to design and create new sets.

Along with several annual works such as Commedia, play production also worked on many other major productions with the Imani Players, the drama contest, and the fall play, "It's a Wonderful Life."

There were 18 students in the play production class, which met daily during seventh hour. The class was jointly directed by Denis Hildreth and Russell Vanderhoef.



photo by Amy Lee

Play Production
by Amy Lee and Nic Hoover

Sophomore Andrew Jackman and junior Ayesha Abdullah confer during "A Woman Called Truth".

Staff member Vel Wilkerson wears traditional African clothes during Multicultural Week.



photo by Marci Simonini



photo by Andre Alexander

Junior Jabbar Jefferson, senior Justin Heiden and junior Brice Nichols all model their gear from Foot Locker in the all-male fashion show.



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Marci Simonini

Freshman Tiffany Oakley and sophomores Andrew Jackman and Precious Carter take to the stage during the Imani Players' presentation of "Freedom is My Middle Name."

"[T] his class... really helped me to appreciate my culture."

-- senior Natasha Grant

IMANI PLAYERS SHOW RICHNESS OF DIVERSITY

Many additions this year at Hoover brought forth new groups, organizations, and changes. One of those changes was the addition of Imani Players. Their sponsor is MaryAnn Spicer, a teacher of many classes, including African-American studies.

The class is part of the drama department, and students are able to include it in their scheduling for class credit. It was only available for the second semester during sixth hour in Dennis Hildreth's room.

"It's a fun activity within a class that teaches you about African-American culture. I'm glad I took this class because it really helped me to appreciate my culture," said Natasha Grant, a member of the Imani's.

What makes this group unique is its dedication to take its knowledge from the class and share it with the whole school. The members accomplish that

by putting on play's like "Freedom is my middle name," a short play about Mary Mahoney, the first African-American registered nurse in U.S.

They also organized a soul food luncheon, in which students from Urbandale were invited over for lunch and danced to music afterwards.

"The Gathering," one of the many events they put together during Black History Month, was a collection of African-American art displayed in the student center. It included everything from paintings to sculptures to ancient artifacts, and anything else that the students could bring in.

The goal of the Imanis was summed up by delegate Charles Walker - "To bring different groups together to interact with each other giving each individual person a sense of bonding, overall showing how we can live together, harmoniously."



photo by Kristen Jahn

An art exhibit was held for "The Gathering"; featured above is a piece of African-American art and a book about the Black Panthers, a prominent group in African American history.

Imani Players
by Andre Alexander and Tanica Farley

Peer Helpers, front row -- Kathi Buckley, Rick Sheaffer, Jared Gilbert, Cathy Claycomb, Angela Neve, Marci Simonini, Nicole Drake, David Quinones, Tarsha Knighton, Ramon Christopher, Mary Canady, Brad Haugh, Michael Jackson; second row -- Sarah Ellis, Brenda Heggen, Amy Lee, Don Inthlangsy, Lee Ann Hofferber, Nga Lam, Lena Cavan, Regina Cameron, Kristen Jahn, Meggan Christensen, John Audelhelm, Donny Duong, Esther Rude, Jay Hall; back row -- Kendra Tuttle, Dana Clark, Heather Taff, Jose Rivera, Andrea Kueck, Brian Bainbridge, Dania Funk, Erica Hanlon, Ryan Doughan, Bridget Evans, Erin Hussman, Cindy Gronert, Teon Gunn, Darren Bass, Katie Bierma, Charlene Meyer, Jodi Solberg, and Tara Patterson. Not pictured -- Mande Graham.

"It's a great activity to get involved in."
senior Tarsha Knighton



photo by Mullica

PEER HELPERS ASSIST ALL AGES

Peer Helpers is an organization for students in grades 10-12 who service and help students within the school socially, academically, and personally. There were 54 members in the organization, which was headed by Hoover counselor Veronica Simms.

The Peer Helpers were chosen as freshmen, but didn't actually become Peer Helpers until they were sophomores.

The sophomore Peer Helpers worked mainly with the freshmen. They helped to make the freshmen aware of the activities at Hoover and made the freshmen comfortable with Hoover, Simms said.

The junior and senior Peer Helpers worked with elementary school kids. They tutored them and were like "big brother pals" to the elementary kids, Simms said.

While at the elementary schools, the Peer Helpers played games, counseled the students, and drew pictures. The elementary school students also taught the Peer Helpers to play some games, such as chess.

Each spring all Peer Helpers go to training sessions about grief, listening and communication skills, and self-esteem workshops.

"I'd like to see the Peer Helpers used more, for teachers to be more aware and use them," Simms said.

All of the Peer Helpers gave orientations to new students at Hoover. Peer Helpers introduced new students to activities and other students at Hoover. They also tutored students and helped the staff with meetings and conferences, according to Simms.

"The purpose of peer helping is to help students feel more a part of things at Hoover," sophomore Peer Helper Katie Bierma said.

This year the Peer Helpers were involved in helping with the Freshman Bash and orientation of the eighth and ninth grade students.

"Being a Peer Helper has been a great experience for me. You get to help different people out in different situations. It's a great activity to get involved in," senior Tarsha Knighton said.



photo by Nick Brockman

Sophomore Cindy Gronert offers Kathie Tomlin a cookie at Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Freshman Justin Griffis and Rex Tredway look excited while going over the agenda for the day at the conflict manager training session.



photo by Barb Getting



photo by Barb Getting

Sophomores Nga Lam and Jemon Spivey go over the plans for the day at the conflict manager training session at Samuelson school on Feb. 7.

Conflict Managers, front row -- David Hoyer, David Quinones, Nick Brockman, Andrea Boyd, Leanne Sergio, Mike Duong; back row -- Tarsha Knighton, Tiffany Walker, Souky Wangkham, Bridget Evans, Teleza Jones, Lieu Phan; third row, Barb Getting, Amy Lee, Jeff Scott, Brad Haugh.



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STUDENTS HELP SOLVE CONFLICTS

The Conflict Managers were headed by special education teacher Barb Getting. The purpose of Conflict Managers was to help two people that have a conflict find a resolution for themselves, she said.

"It's nice to be able to help people overcome conflicts with peers," junior Conflict Manager Amy Lee said.

The Conflict Managers don't tell the students with conflicts what to do; they help the students to surface the problem and find a way to resolve it, Lee said. No advice is given to the students.

Conflict Manager vice-president Andréa Boyd said that to become a conflict manager you must choose to be one, then get voted in by your peers or take the conflict management class, which counts for credit.

Each year there is a training session for the Conflict Managers. This year it was held at Samuelson School on Feb. 7

and 8. During this training process, listening, communication, and leadership skills were taught. With these skills, the conflict managers could help students with conflicts to work out their problems without fighting or getting into trouble.

According to Boyd, eight students attended the All City Conference at Lincoln High School on Feb. 21. All the Metro High Schools went to Lincoln for half a day and listened to a series of speakers on tolerance, problem solving, and other motivational speeches. They talked as a large group about problems our own school faces and how they could be resolved.

"I enjoy helping others solve their problems. I have gained leadership skills and a better understanding with my own conflicts without fighting. This is a great program to have here at Hoover," president of Conflict Managers, Brad Haugh said.

Conflict Managers
by Tara Rossow

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President Kurt Behn goes over the agenda at a February 24 meeting with Peter Barrette, Jason VanHemert, James Grimaldi, Liga Rostoks, and Dao Tran.

Middle -- first semester officers, front row -- lieutenant governor Avery Palmer, and treasurer Brian Smith; back row -- president Kurt Behn, bulletin editor Peter Barrette, and vice president Ben Knowles. Not pictured -- secretary Leta Steffen.

"KEY Club generates a feeling of community involvement and friendship."

senior Leta Steffen



photo by Mandee Graham

KEY CLUB REACHES OUT TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

KEY Club stands for Kiwanian Educated Youths, there is no GPA or grade level requirements to be part of this club. It was chartered in January of 1994 and is the high school division of the internationally known Kiwanians International.

"KEY Club generates a feeling of community involvement and friendship," secretary Leta Steffen said.

The club, working in tandem with Roosevelt's KEY Club chapter, did several projects this year to aid in the betterment of the community. They helped host the district convention in West Des Moines this year, held an annual maintance project at children and family day cares and adopted a family for Christmas.

KEY Club members were mainly focused on the need to respond to education and did many projects that concerned elementary students, according to Huang Do. They went to community elementary schools and made flash cards for the students, and set up a quiz bowl.. They taught the students to play chess and started a chess club. They held a board game drive and donated those games to elementary schools.

"KEY Club has helped me to reach out to others in a variety of interesting ways," lieutenant governor Avery Palmer said.



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Key Club members, front row -- Liga Rostoks, Angie Bogle, Huang Do, Ben Knowles, Kurt Behn, Matt Buckley, and Jessica Lyon; second row -- Jennifer Doughman, Avery Palmer, Leta Steffen, Jason VanHemert, Vu Pham, and Amy Glas.



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Second semester officers -- co-presidents Jason VanHemert and Chris Sampson. (Not pictured -- secretary and treasurer Katie Streeter)



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Above -- Seniors Dao Tran and Liga Rostoks recycle newspapers for NHS.

First semester officers, front row -- treasurer Huang Do, secretary Leta Steffen, and parliamentarian Angie Bogle; second row -- co-president Tiffany Sheeder, and vice president Meggan Christiansen; back row -- co-president Matt Buckley.

NHS members, front row -- Mary Canaday, Cassie Murphy, Emily Minnis, Tiffany Sheeder, Jolyon Thomas, Liga Rostoks, Jessica Lyon, Matt Buckley, and Miriam Irwin; second row -- Chansouk Wangkham, Jennifer Doughman, Huang Do, Jessica Harding, Michelle Metschke, Marci Simonini, Quyen Ly, Kristen Jahn, Erica Swanson, Meggan Christensen, and Stephanie Roskamp; back row -- Jeanda Cavan, Sally Allen, Jake Smith, Jodi Solberg, William Thompson, Katie Streeter, Karen Fonken, Jason VanHemert, John Miller, Angela Neve, Darren Bass, and Huy Nguyen.



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NHS MEMBERS PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE GREAT NORTHWEST COMMUNITY

NHS is a service organization that works to serve the Great Northwest Community. They provided many community activities. They worked along side with ROTC for an annual blood drive, and a clean up project called "Make a Difference Day". They helped out with the construction of the stadium, and went caroling at retirement homes during the holiday season.

"We had a much more diverse group this year than in the past, which made it somewhat more difficult to organize activities, yet made the organization more enjoyable to be part of," co-president Matt Buckley said.

"The blood drive was a great opportunity to serve the community and the clean up project was a lot of fun," senior Erica Swanson said.

"NHS is important because you're out helping those who need help, and trying to give something back to the community. It's a really good feeling to help someone who otherwise may have been struggling and give them the encouragement to carry on," treasurer Angela Neve said.

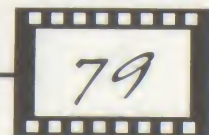


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Second semester officers, front row -- treasurer Angela Neve and parliamentarian Eric Groen; second row -- vice president Jodi Solberg and co-president Emily Minnis; back row -- secretary Tim Schnoor. Not pictured -- co-president Ryan Mitchell.

NHS

by Mande Graham



Junior Sarah Ford climbs across a rope bridge at Camp Dodge.

"We have been very competitive in all of our competitions this year."

-- senior Mike Bailey



photo by Major Tom Sharratt

ROTC YEAR FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES, COMPETITION

Hoover's ROTC program had a busy year filled with many activities and competitions. They started off their activities with a hay ride at Sgt. Lee Wahler's farm. On Nov. 5, Hoover ROTC hosted a rifle match at Camp Dodge.

On Jan. 13, the rifle team traveled to Indianapolis. They competed against 32 teams and placed eighth. Again on Jan. 20, the team went to Gary, Indiana, where they competed against 16 teams and got fourth place.

February 9 and 10 ROTC went to Minneapolis for the Drill Team Guard Quiz Bowl, Map Reading, and Physical Training Competition. The drill team placed second and Hoover placed second in physical training.

In the Quiz Bowl the team got third place. In Map Reading, senior Peter Stegmaier got first place and junior Brad Schonhorst got second out of 45. Hoover's ROTC placed first overall against eight other schools in that competition.

On Feb. 17 ROTC went to Camp Dodge for their formal dining out and Military Ball.

On March 3 and 4, the team

traveled to Omaha for the Drill Team and Color Guard Competition. There were 14 teams that attended the competition and Hoover was the only school from Iowa.

On March 11, the rifle team traveled to Pleasantville for the State Rifle Team Competition. Hoover placed fourth in that competition.

ROTC and National Honor Society teamed up to organize the spring blood drive held at Hoover on March 16. There were 80 pints of blood donated, nearly a record for Hoover in the event.

About the blood drive Major Tom Sharatt said, "We're very pleased with the excellent participation of all students this year."

On April 19 ROTC were formally inspected by the Army and on May 19 they had their Change of Command and Awards Ceremony.

When asked about ROTC, Company Commander Mike Bailey said, "We have been very competitive in all of our competitions this year. We hope to do well on our annual inspection."



photo by Major Tom Sharratt

Rifle team members senior Mike Bailey, senior Peter Stegmaier, and junior James Larson (from Urbandale), compete in Indianapolis on Jan. 13.



photo by Major Tom Sharratt

Senior Peter Stegmaier rappels off the 55-foot rappelling tower in Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin.



photo by Major Tom Sharratt

ROTC color guard members junior Brian Vanfleet (from Valley), senior Mike Bailey, senior Peter Stegmaier, junior Brad Schonhorst (from Johnston), and junior Heath Osberg (from Urbandale) compete in Minneapolis on Feb. 9.



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Hoover ROTC: front - Meredith Nentl, Sara Hart, Celeste Pace, Ali Riley, Lizmarra Torres, Angie Warden, Norma Fudge, April Richardson, Jeni Berg; second row - Major Tom Sharratt, Lelani Bollinger, Adriene Blythe, Stacy Wilson, Satira Peavy, Candice Sater, Mike Bailey, Shawn Iles, Peter Stegmaier, Kristina Boswell, Courtney Coll, Sarah Ford, Rachel Fredrickson, Rina Eckard, Angela Williams, Sgt. Lee Wahlert; third row - Brian Vanfleet, Travis Valley, Scott Sadler, Tom Wignal, Tim Galvan, Matt Schonhorst, Ashley Hill, Jacob Eganhouse, Jon Chasar, Joel Clipperton, James Feldman; fourth row - Mike Wilson, Brian Sharp, Jack Callahan, Jason Cowden, Jeff Thompson, Matt Dorwart, Jason Simpson, Josh Andrews, Glen Hanson, William Caraway; back - Heath Osberg, Brad Schonhorst, Greg Tibboel, Dale Hlavacek, Dan Jablenski, Kristijan Jankovic, Mike Mandt, John Miller, James Larson.

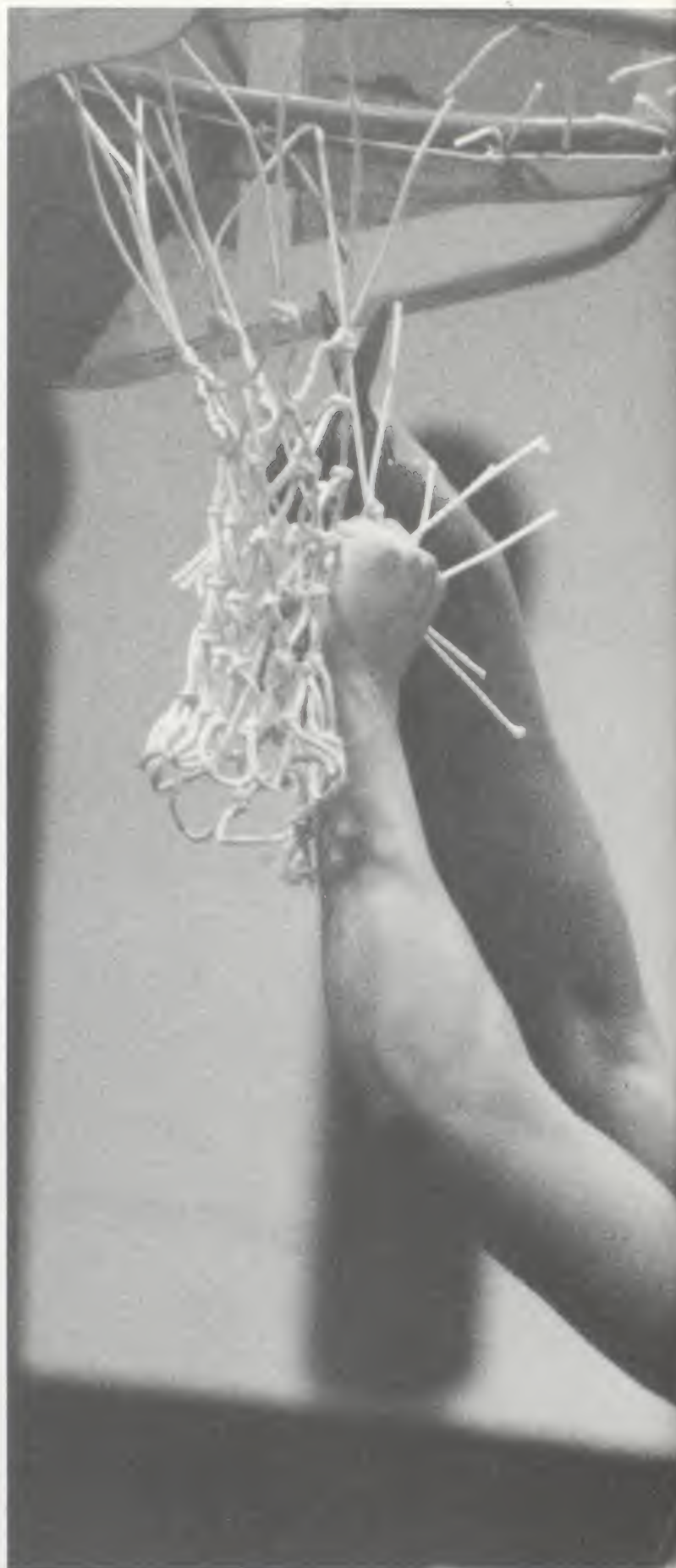
It's Friday night and you're standing in the Hoover Dog Pound watching as Jamal Mosley nails yet another three-point shot against Dowling.

It's Wednesday afternoon and you're in Indianola yelling for Tara Deering as she clears the last hurdle in the 100 meter hurdles and qualifies for State.

It's Friday during seventh period and you're at a pep assembly watching the varsity football team help Coach Lundholm with his Hoover cheer.

Any of these situations sound familiar? Almost every high school student has either attended or participated in a sporting event at least once during their years in high school. Sports provide students, whether they're players or spectators, a wide range of opportunities, from learning discipline and teamwork to socializing and meeting new people. Sports bring out school spirit and pride and provide the opportunity for students to get involved. They also allow students a chance to show off their special talents and skills whether they play golf or football. From volleyball to cross country, from tennis to cheerleading, the athletic department at Hoover provides a little something for everyone.

Sports excelled in many different areas this year. The varsity football team had an 6-4 record and made it to the playoffs for the first time since 1986. The boys' cross-country team made it to State and placed eleventh. The boys' swim team had several swimmers make it to State. The varsity boys' basketball team won the CIML American Conference title. The varsity wrestling team had a wrestler make it to State. The girls' track team sent a hurdler to State. These are just some of the accomplishments that the Hoover athletic department has achieved this year.



Football
84-87

Cross-Country
88-91

Volleyball
92-95

Basketball
98-107

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Sports Divider

by Marci Simonini and Kari Greenlee

Junior Jay Hall (#20) and senior Tyler Williams (#14) wait for the snap at the playoff game against Fort Dodge on Nov. 2.



photo by Michael Duong



photo by Kelly Christopher

Senior Jody Woods cuts down the net after beating Dowling, 67-59, and winning the CIML American conference championship on Feb. 10.

Senior Josh Huling runs the 110-meter hurdles in the preliminaries at the Drake Relays on April 28.

Swimming
108-112

Wrestling
113-115

Track / Tennis
116-119

Baseball/Softball
124-131

Cheerleading
132-137

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Sports Divider
by Marci Simonini and Kari Greenlee

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Senior Jay Simonini (#5) busts out of the grip of a Fort Dodge defender during the Nov. 2 playoff game.

Senior Tom Lamb (#85) watches the playoff game develop from the sidelines.



photo by Mike Duong



photo by Leanne Sergio



Huskies achieve their ultimate goal

The season began with high expectations. Sixteen out of 22 players were returning starters, giving the team and the fans every right to expect success. Head coach Steve Lundholm said, "It's their experience. All these guys started as juniors and they've played together all four years."

The regular season ended with a 6-3 record, the best record from Hoover since 1979. It was also good enough to land them a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 1986. After winning the determining game against North 35-13 at the Cara McGrane Stadium, the Huskies were on their way to Fort Dodge for the first round. The excitement level for this game was sky high around Hoover because the Huskies had beaten the Dodgers in the opening game of the regular season 42-32. However, the Dodgers got their revenge by defeating the Huskies 33-7, ending their season with a final record of 6-4.

Senior Jay Simonini said, "Our goal was to make it to the playoffs, which we did. We accomplished that by sticking together as a team."

Four senior players made First Team All Conference. They were defensive back Sam Boutchee, wide receiver/running back Ramon Christopher, defensive end Brandon Jones and defensive back Ryan Lundholm.

Five seniors made Second Team All Conference. They were defensive back Jeremy Cooper, nose guard Mike Grant, linebacker Gary Martin, offensive guard Mark Meyer and quarterback Tyler Williams.

Six players made Honorable Mention. They were senior kicker Darren Bass, junior running back Jay Hall, junior linebacker Joe Lamb, senior defensive end Josh O'Brien, senior defensive back Ray Matthews and senior wide receiver Warnell Ziegler.





photo by Mike Duong

Junior linebacker Joe Lamb (#33) spies the Fort Dodge ball carrier during the playoff game.

Senior Brandon Jones (#22) and junior Joe Lamb (#33) shut the lights out for a Fort Dodge player at the playoffs.



photo by Mike Duong



photo by Mike Duong



photo by Mike Duong

Left center--junior Jay Hall (#20) speeds past his Fort Dodge opponent.

The Husky offense takes the call from quarterback Tyler Williams (#14).



Sam Boutchee

As senior defensive back, Boutchee was named to First Team All Conference and Third Team All State. He had twelve quarterback sacks, breaking the old school record of eight.



Ramon Christopher

As senior wide receiver/running back, Christopher was named to First Team All Conference and First Team All State. He set a school and conference record with a 99-yard kick-off return.



Ryan Lundholm

As senior defensive back, Lundholm was named to First Team All Conference. He was also named to Third Team All State.



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Varsity football: front row--Sis Deuanephenn, Jeff Bash, Ryan Dawson, Jason Geyer, Monty Jamison, Ray Matthews; second row--Andre Alexander, Joe Lamb, Josh O'Brien, Russell Lamar, Bob Stinson, Adam Neely, Mike Grant; third row--Jay Hall, Sharissa Jackson, Ultra Thomas, Melanie Mann, Bill Springer, Dan Jones, Head Coach Steve Lundholm, Chris Knee, Adam Hulten, Michelle Murphy, Jodi Solberg, Souky Wangkam; fourth row--Gary Martin, Jeremy Cooper, Jay Simonini, Ricky Harris, Ryan Lundholm, Ramon Christopher, Wamell Ziegler, Tyler Williams, Kenneth Cameron; fifth row--Brandon Jones, Brett Streeter, Phil Holt, Micky Jackson, Mark Meyer, Jeff Scott, Chad McVey, Shawn Karaidos; last row--Curt Lamb, Tom Lamb, Brandon Sonnenberg, Tim Coughenower, Sam Boutchee, Josh Brott, Darren Bass, Nic Hoover, Max Faust.

Varsity Football

HHS	6-4	Opp.
42	Ft. Dodge	32
18	Ankeny	47
17	East	0
34	Lincoln	14
38	Indianola	6
14	Roosevelt	20
13	Dowling	24
20	S.E. Polk	7
35	North	13
7	Ft. Dodge (P)	33

Varsity Football
by Taylor Newman

Hoover's defense tries to stop their opponents from scoring.

Nick Simonini (#54) waits to enter the game as T.J. Welton(#86) watches.



photo by Angie Bogle



photo by Angie Bogle

Freshmen stay positive

The freshmen football team ended the season with a 0-8-1 record.

Freshmen Nick Simonini said, "We had some good games and we had some bad games but we kept improving as the year went on."

The team was lead by returning coaches Haywood Boston and Jeff Jansen. Some standouts for the defense were Justin Song and Jeremiah Breeze. The standouts for the offense included Grant Noah

and Erik Butler.

Jansen said, "We had a rough season. We had a lot of talented athletes that just didn't get to show off their talents."

Freshmen Kris Greenlee said, "Even though we didn't win many games, we still played well as a team."

Hoover did tie once during their season, in the game against East on September 8.

"The season was fun, but I wish we could have won more games," Butler said.

Freshmen football team: front row - Keith Collier, Charles Bradley, Jeremy Dingman, coach Jeff Jansen, coach Haywood Boston, T.J. Welton, Bryce Jones, Corey McVey; second row - Jeremiah Breeze, Chone Phiatep, Lauris Rostoks, Nathan Ferguson, Adam



photo by Mullica

McNeeley, Nick Simonini, Andrew Whitten; third row - Jason Tidwell, Justin Song, Nick Stecker, Tony Brundage, Steven Bauer, Nick Miller, Quintin Smith; back row - Clifford Hobbs, Harris Stanley, Jason Trogon, Chris Moore, Kris Greenlee, Erik Butler, Grant Noah, Robert Cochran.

The defensive line readies for play against Fort Dodge.



photo by Lisa Simonini



*Freshmen Football
by Megan Carrico*



Chance Hulten tries to break a tackle and run to the end zone.

Freshmen Football

0-8-1

HHS		Opp.	HHS		Opp.
8	SE Polk	58	16	Roosevelt	28
6	North	36	0	Dowling	50
28	East	28	22	Ft. Dodge	42
8	Lincoln	44	14	Ankeny	69
22	Indianola	36			

Sophomore Football

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HHS		Opp.	HHS		Opp.
6	Ft. Dodge	20	26	Roosevelt	42
6	Ankeny	57	20	Dowling	40
16	East	34	0	SE Polk	46
26	Lincoln	52	42	North	37
8	Indianola	52			

photo by Angie Bogle

Sophs keep intensity and heart

The sophomore football team ended their season with a 42-37 victory over North High School, making the overall record for this year 1-8.

Sophomore Ryan Kramer said, "We didn't play as well as I thought we would, but we showed a lot of improvement."

The team was led by new coach Brian Tate and assistant coaches Brian Larson, Jason Soliday, and Travis Tam. Tate said, "I think that the team accomplished the biggest things possible. Not only did they

improve, but they had positive attitudes, intensity and the heart to persevere under any conditions."

The defense's most valuable player was Tom Berger. For the offense, it was Rudy Farley. Tate said, "Everyone on the team was a standout."

The season had many high points, including Chance Hulten connecting with Kelly Christopher for a 35-yard touchdown pass against East, Farley gaining 184 yards rushing against Lincoln, and Farley having four touchdowns against North.



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Rob Levy (#45) prepares to tackle his opponent.

photo by Angie Bogle

Sophomore football team: front row - managers Jessica Mueller, Melissa Priest, Neysa Greer, Amanda Camp; second row - coach Brian Larson, coach Jason Soliday, Willie Taylor, Mike Amos, Jeremy Jorgenson, Nick Lloyd, Matt Johnson, Tim Rech, coach Travis Tam, coach Brian Tate; third row - Rob Levy, Matt Broich, Brad Wallace, James Birkett, Tom Berger, Kelly Christopher, Ben Carter; back row - Chance Hulten, Ryan Kramer, Matt Griffis, Jeff Wilson, Dave Juskelis, Charlie Baumert, Aaron Irwin.

Sophomore Football
by Megan Carrico

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Senior Trent Skinner runs to the finish line at the East meet on Oct. 6.

Junior Eric Groen tries to catch up with the runner ahead of him at the District meet at Indianola on Oct. 20.



photo by Donna Schnoor



photo by Donna Schnoor



Boys' cross country team finishes 11th in the state

The boys' cross country team ended their season at the State championship meet on Oct. 29 in Fort Dodge, finishing in 11th place as a team. Junior Tim Schnoor led the Huskies, finishing in 22nd place. Junior Ryan Mitchell came in 45th place and junior Eric Groen finished in 50th place.

"This was the first time the whole team has gone to State since 1988," coach Ron Peterson said.

The team members that ran in the State meet were seniors Josh Hulling and Chris Roozen, juniors Ryan Mitchell, Tim Schnoor and Eric Groen, and sophomores Tom Stehl and Mike Ostreko.

"It was a great feeling being at the State meet and running in it," Mitchell said.

"This season some of the team's highlights were finishing fourth in the District meet which qualified them for the State meet. Ear-

lier in the year the team won the City Series and placed second in the CIML conference meet," coach Ron Peterson said. In the District meet, Hoover defeated conference rivals Dowling and Valley.

In the District meet the team finished fourth out of 16 teams. Mitchell led the team finishing in eighth place out of 109 runners and Schnoor was right behind him in tenth place.

"I think our team had an awesome season this year," Mitchell said.

"The team has enjoyed a very successful season," Peterson said.

"We had a really great year and we are looking at it as a building block for next year. We will have five out of seven varsity runners back next year and this year's season helped the underclassmen next year," Groen said.

Junior Tim Schnoor takes another lap at the Hoover Invitational on Sept. 6.





photo by Donna Schnoor

Juniors Tim Schnoor, Eric Groen, and Ryan Mitchell get ready to pass their opponent at the Karpan Invitational at Living History Farms on Sept. 15.

Seniors Josh Hulling and Trent Skinner run side by side at the Ankeny meet on Sept. 29.



photo by Donna Schnoor



photo by Donna Schnoor



photo by Donna Schnoor

Ryan Mitchell hurries to catch up with the runner in front of him at the East meet on Oct. 6.

QUOTES.....



Eric Groen

"We had a really great year and we are looking at it as a buliding block for next year."



Ryan Mitchell

"I feel our team had an awesome season. It was a great feeling being at the State meet, and running in it."



Tim Schnoor

"The season went very well and we are looking forward to having a good season next year."



photo by Mullica

Boys' cross country runners, front row -- Mike Ostreko, Tim Schnoor, Ryan Mitchell, Coach Ron Peterson; second row -- John Audelhelm, Trent Skinner, Tom Stehl, Matt Anderson, Pete Stegmaier; back row -- Chris Roozen, Ryan Doughan, Andy Bickel. Not pictured: Wesley Burrell, Josh Hulling

Boys' Cross-Country

Placed	Meet
4	Ames Invitational
4	Hoover Invitational
5	Karpan Invitational
7	Indianola Invitational
1	City Series
4	Ankeny Invitational
3	Augustine Invitational
4	District Meet
11	State Meet

*Boys' Cross-Country
by Rachel Decker*

Senior Erica Swanson tapes up the ankle of freshman Amie Hedrick after a meet.

Senior Kathie Taylor and junior Amy McDonald lead the way at the City Series.



photo by Mandee Graham



photo by Toby Swanson



The Pack is on the way back

"The running done in the off-season really paid off. The underclassmen helped to pull the team up," said senior Erica Swanson at the conclusion of the girls' cross country season. Swanson, team co-captain along with seniors Meggan Christensen, Taylor Newman, and Kathie Taylor, helped Hoover to many accomplishments, including improved team positions in six meets.

"This team showed considerable improvement as the season progressed. We improved a great deal this year," said coach Robert Jankovitz.

The team consisted of 21 runners, with ten out of the 21 lettering. One of the major team highlights of the season was a second place finish at the North Invitational.

As far as individual accomplishments, the Huskies piled

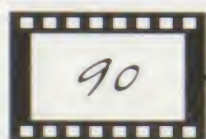
them up. Freshman Amie Hedrick was the team's most outstanding runner, finishing first for the team nine times out of 11 meets. She also had the best two-mile time of the year at the Norwalk Invitational, with a time of 13:34.

"We had a pretty good season, but we have a lot of room for improvement. We need to practice more and work harder," Hedrick said.

Newman was the most improved runner of the seniors; Kristi Sullivan was the most improved runner of the juniors. The most improved sophomore and freshmen runners were Candy Mason and Dawn Schipman, respectively.

"This year we worked a lot harder than in previous years I've ran cross country. We pushed ourselves more during practice and it started paying off," Sullivan said.

Sophomores Geneva Moore and Candy Mason pace themselves at the Indianola Invitational.



Girls' Cross Country
by Andre Alexander

Seniors Erica Swanson and Meggan Christensen stretch before a home meet.

Coach Robert Jankovitz gives his team some last minute instructions.



photo by Toby Swanson



photo by Mandee Graham

Senior Kathie Taylor and freshman Destiny Schipman warm up before their meet at the City Series.

QUOTABLES.....



Kristi Sullivan

"This year we worked harder than in previous years I've ran cross country."



Erica Swanson

"Running in the off-season really paid off; the underclassmen helped pull the team up."



Kathie Taylor

"I'll never forget running ten miles behind everyone else because we missed our race."



photo by Mandee Graham



photo by Erica Swanson



photo by Mullica

Girls' cross country team: front - Collene Bergman, Destiny Shipman, Jessica Conrad, Dawn Shipman; middle - Huong Do, Liga Rostoks, Amy Lee, Lela Braden, Kristi Sullivan, Amie Hedrick; back - Kristen Harris, Erica Swanson, Geneva Moore, Amy McDonald, Heather Mallette, Taylor Newman, Kathie Taylor, Meggan Christensen, Candy Mason, coach Robert Jankovitz.

Girls' Cross Country

Placed	Meet
6th	S.E. Polk Invitational
12th	Urbandale Classic
10th	Hoover Invitational
5th	Johnston Invitational
2nd	North Invitational
12th	Indianola Invitational
4th	City Series
4th	Norwalk Invitational
12th	Ankeny Invitational
8th	Conference
14th	District

Girls' Cross Country
by Andre Alexander

Senior Kristen Jahn (#10) concentrates and prepares to return an opponents serve.

Sophomore Cindy Gronert (#1) and Delaine Burken (#9) block an opponent's spike.



photo by Mande Graham



photo by Leanne Sergio



Varsity volleyball efforts blocked

Despite a 3-26-5 record, the varsity volleyball team played many close games.

Second year coach Scott Noah said of the team, "They were good, hard workers, and I appreciated their positive attitude even though they had to overcome some tough losses."

Noah said, "The team was led by seniors Esther Rude and Angie Bogle, and juniors Kari Greenlee and Emily Minnis." The team was led statistically by Greenlee, who was second in the conference with 1.29 blocks per game, including 14 in one game. Sophomore Delaine Burken was third in the conference in that category with .922 blocks per game. Minnis and Bogle were sixth and eighth respectively in the conference in serving. Greenlee and Rude both were named Honorable Mention all-conference.

The team accomplished one

of its goals, which was to finish in the top half of a tournament. It happened at the Urbandale Tournament, which Noah said "was one of the toughest of the year."

"We had great enthusiasm and lots of talent," Burken said.

When asked about the season, senior Kristen Jahn said, "We had a disappointing season, but overall we got along as a team and had a lot of fun."

Noah said, "I will always remember this team's camaraderie, and ability to stay positive in the face of adversity."

Noah also said, "Our team strengths were our defense and team unity, but our weakness was our inability to score."

Junior Stephanie Roskamp added, "Even though we didn't win any matches, we won several games that made our season worthwhile. We made great progress throughout the season."



Junior Emily Minnis (#8) sets the ball for a waiting teammate.



Varsity Volleyball
by Nic Hoover



photo by Leanne Sergio

Juniors Stephanie Roskamp (#11) and Emily Minnis (#8) get ready to check into the game.

Seniors Kristen Jahn (#10) and Angie Bogle (#6) prepare as a teammate serves.



photo by Leanne Sergio



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photo by Leanne Sergio

Seniors Angie Bogle (#6) and Esther Rude (#7), with juniors Kari Greenlee (#12) and Emily Minnis (#8), await their opponents' volley.

NOTABLE.....



Esther Rude

senior, Honorable Mention all-conference. Led the team in digs with 1.34 digs per game.



Angie Bogle

senior, eighth in conference in serving accuracy at 95.2%, second on the team in digs with 1.27 per game.



Kari Greenlee

junior, second in the conference in blocks at 1.29 per game. Led the team in kills, kills per game, and kill efficiency. Also Honorable Mention all-conference.



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Varsity volleyball team, back row -- Coach Gene Denny, Nikki Johnson, Kari Greenlee, Delaine Burken, Esther Rude, Coach Scott Noah; second row -- Angie Bogle, Kristen Jahn, Kari Behn, Stephanie Roskamp, Emily Minnis; front row -- Cindy Gronert, Mandee Graham, Darci Hoffman, Kristen Hayes.

Varsity Volleyball

3-26-5

2	SE Polk	3
0	Roosevelt	3
2	Lincoln	3
0	Newton	3
0	East	3
0	Dowling	3
0	Indianola	3
2	North	3

Varsity Volleyball
by Nic Hoover

Sophomore Kristen Hayes (#18) serves the ball against Lincoln on Sept. 20.

Junior Sally Allan (#30) bumps the ball in warm-ups before a game.



photo by Angie Bogle



photo by Angie Bogle

J.V. bumps the competition

"The 1994 junior varsity volleyball team was a hustling team that was not afraid to get on the floor," said coach Gene Denny. With a team consisting of sophomores, juniors, and a senior, team unity may have been a question, but as the season progressed the fear proved to be unfounded.

The team finished the season 4-14 overall, and 2-5 in the conference. The wins included two victories over the East Scarlet J.V. squad.

The team wasn't dominated

by any one player, though many players contributed with their leadership and dedication. "The team was led by Shoemaker, Buckley, and Hayes," Denny said.

Shoemaker said, "We were really talented and enthusiastic even though our record may not have shown it."

Denny said, "I will remember this team's positive attitude and cohesiveness."

Junior Megan Carrico said, "We improved greatly and accomplished many goals."



photo by Angie Bogle

J.V. team, front row--Megan Carrico, Lisa Bentley, Cindy Gronert, Dena Shoemaker; second row -- Bridget Evans, Brandi Hood, Kristen Hayes, Kari Behn, Sally Allan; back row -- Coach Scott Noah, Kathi Buckley, Amy Hanlon, Olga Shevtsova, Coach Gene Denny.



photo by Mullica

Sophomore Kari Behn (#33) jumps to block the ball as junior Sally Allan looks on.



J.V. Volleyball
by Nic Hoover



Freshmen Jodi Helton (#16) and Abbey Williams (#14) get ready at Lincoln.

J.V. Volleyball

4-14					
HHS		Opp.	HHS		Opp.
1	S.E. Polk	2	2	East	1
1	Dowling	2	2	S.E. Polk	3
1	Roosevelt	2	2	Dowling	3
2	East	1	1	Indianola	2
1	Lincoln	2	1	North	2
0	Newton	2			

Freshmen Volleyball

12-11					
HHS		Opp.	HHS		Opp.
1	S.E. Polk	2	3	East	0
1	Dowling	2	1	Dowling	2
3	Roosevelt	0	1	Indianola	2
3	East	0	3	North	0
2	Lincoln	1			

photo by Angie Bogle

Freshmen serve up victories

The 1994 freshmen volleyball team finished the season with a winning record of 12-11, including conference wins against Roosevelt, Lincoln, and Dowling as well as a sweep of the East freshmen. That 12-11 record was the highest mark in the Hoover volleyball program.

Coach Jill Tallman said the team was led by Amber Wessing and Jodi Helton. Tallman also said, "Jennifer Crandell and Dana Swanson were the two players that showed the most improvement throughout the season."

Helton noticed the team's improvement by saying, "Towards the

end of the season I noticed we could serve, pass, and set the ball much better than when we started."

Abbey Williams added, "I think that with our talent, coaches, and more experience we can be a good team in the future."

Tallman said, "The team strengths were that they wanted to have fun, and their desire to win, but the team needed to work on staying focused."

Tallman summed up the season by saying, "It was a fun year to coach. It was fun to watch the team improve, and I liked how the team strived to win and hated to lose."



photo by Mullica

Freshmen team, back row -- Maggie Beavers, Karen Lueder, Sarah Carlson, Coach Jill Tallman, Sarah Hinchcliff, Kim Peddycoart, Amanda Bolte; second row -- Amber Wessing, Ann Marie Hansen, Jodi Helton, Christina Burner, Joelle Coons, Christine Gettys, Lucy Ford; front row -- Katie Gross, Abbey Williams, Amanda Reed, Jennifer Crandell, Mandi Gremmer.

Freshman Katie Gross (#10) bumps as her teammates look on.

photo by Angie Bogle

Freshman Volleyball
by Nic Hoover

Freshman Dave Newman tees off on the green.



Junior Billy Howe focuses on his next shot.



photo by Angie Bogle

photo by Angie Bogle

Boys' golf finishes strong

The boys' golf team finished the season placing eleventh in the district meet. The team was led by junior Dan Newman, as well as by juniors Billy and Bryan Howe. At the conference tournament, the team finished in fourth place with the leaders again being Newman, Billy Howe, and Bryan Howe. Their fourth place finish was the best in several years, Sandquist said.

The team earned first place in meets against East, Roosevelt, and North. Against

East, their team score of 163 was the best in several years. As a team, the scoring averages were the best in recent years.

"There were many positives about the team last year, like last year's golf squad was the largest in many years; and, all of the varsity golfers will be back next year," said coach Bobby Sandquist.

Todd Strum said, "One of our biggest strengths as a team was our consistency. As a team we were consistent throughout the year."

Boys' golf team, front row -- Nick Anderson, Curt Wheeler, David Buckley, Matt Woods, Kevin Chenowith, James Vigon, Derrick Wilcox, Rex Tredway, Brian Heiden; back row --

Jamison Beard, Jason VanHemert, John P. Miller III, Andrew Slotterback, Todd Strum, Jon Talcott, Praveen Bannikatti. Not pictured: Ryan Baldwin, Sean Fabritz, Justin Griffis, Justin Heiden, Billy Howe, Bryan Howe, Dave Newman, Dan Newman, Eric Kitner, Colin Melton, Mike Morris, Chris West.



photo by Wesley Burrell

Junior Dan Newman follows through on his swing.



photo by Angie Bogle



Boys' Golf
by Wesley Burrell, jr



photo by Angie Bogle

Sophomore Colleen Bergman watches as she putts the ball at Waveland.

Boys' Golf

Placed	Meet	Placed	Meet
3rd	American Conference	2nd	Dowling
13th	Newton Invitational	2nd	S.E. Polk
1st	East	10th	Valley Invitational
2nd	Lincoln	1st	North
4th	City Championship	4th	American Conference
2nd	Indianola	11th	Districts
1st	Roosevelt		

Girls' Golf

Placed	Meet	Placed	Meet
2nd	Indianola	10th	North Invitational
2nd	Lincoln	2nd	Roosevelt
12th	Valley Classic	2nd	Dowling
2nd	East	7th	Conference
5th	City Tournament	6th	Districts



photo by Angie Bogle

Girls' golf swings for the greens

The girls' golf team endured many changes throughout the golf season, and one change was the addition of coach Brian Larson who replaced the previous coach, Bobby Sandquist.

Sophomore Colleen Bergman said, "Everyone gets along with him [Larson] great. He is really nice to all of us no matter how bad we play that day."

The team ended the season by placing sixth in Districts, and finished seventh place in the conference. Leading the team during the

season was freshman Dana Swanson, who was a meet-medalist in four meets and was a runner-up in one. Swanson also placed fourth overall in the Conference Tournament and finished third out of 40 golfers in Districts.

"The girls were real close. The toughest thing was getting to know each other and them getting to know me as far as ideas and goals for the season, but the relationship from player to player was real good throughout the season," Larson said.



photo by Wesley Burrell

Girls' golf team: front - Rachel Decker, April Taylor, Dana Swanson; back - April Burkard, Kendra Brown, Colleen Bergman, Destiny Schipman.

Freshman Dana Swanson putts the ball toward the hole on a green at Waveland golf course.

Girls' Golf
by Wesley Burrell

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Senior Duane Johnson (#50) is set on the post and waiting for a pass during the squad's 72-56 home win against Indianola on Dec. 20.

Triple-teamed by the 3-A state champion Johnston Dragons, senior Jamal Mosely (#24) still gets off a shot during the Feb. 7 55-40 loss.

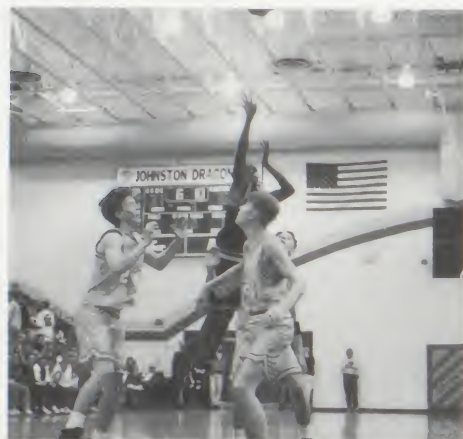


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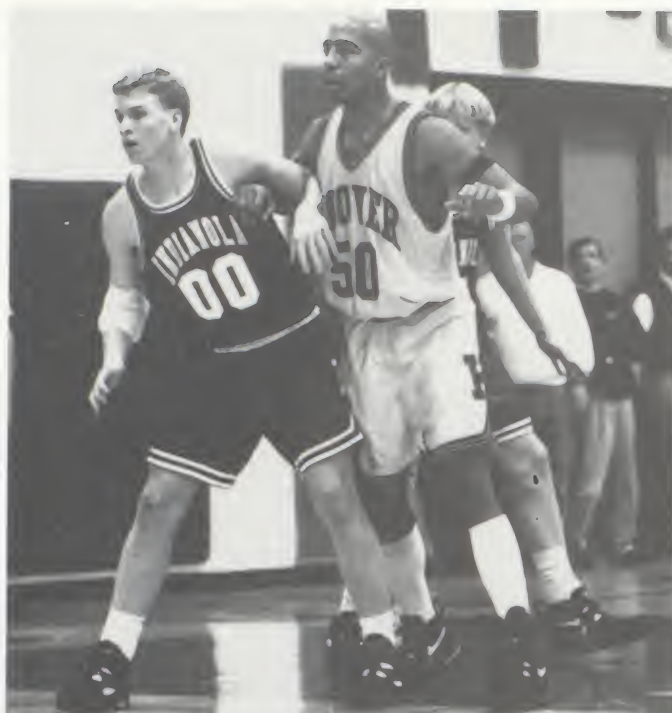


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Varsity b-ball chases "hoop dreams"

The focus in Iowa basketball was on the Huskies, with a starting lineup of several seniors who had varsity experience. Center Jody Woods, forwards Duane Johnson and Wesley Burrell, and guards Billy Young and Jamal Mosely led Hoover to a preseason *Des Moines Register* #1 ranking.

Hoover's experienced squad suffered a major test early in the season, when Young was lost for the season to a foot injury, and freshman David Newman stepped into the role of starting shooting guard. With the group refocused after the loss, the Huskies put together an eight-game run. Burrell said after the season was over that "We knew how much Billy loved to play...so we played hard all the time for Billy."

Competition in the Metro was tight, however, and Hoover was no shoo-in. But on Feb. 23, for the final game of the regular season, Hoover avenged their only in-conference loss by beating Lincoln, 77-66, at the Dog Pound. The win clinched the team's first conference championship. Storming the

court, the student body had reason to be impressed; the Huskies ten games at the Dog Pound were all victories.

The sub-state tournament was bittersweet for the team, however, as a first round bye and a victory over Boone led the Huskies to the sub-state final against Ankeny. The Hawks had been the first victim of Hoover's squad, and returned the favor by the final score of 64-52. The Hawks went on to win the 4-A championship; the loss marked the second Hoover loss to an eventual state champion, alongside a loss to eventual 3-A champ Johnston.

The season's hard work paid off with post-season recognition; not only did three players make first-team all-conference (see Notables at right), but Duane Johnson, David Newman, and Billy Young made honorable mention all-conference as well.

Senior Jody Woods (#52) jumps for the tip-off as Wesley Burrell (#40) and Duane Johnson (#50) look on in Hoover's first game at Ankeny on Dec. 2; the game ended as a 83-68 Hoover win.





photo by Mike Duong

Keeping an eye on the oncoming offense, senior Jody Woods (#52) keeps himself in position to cover the approaching Indianola player during the 72-56 home win on Dec. 20.

The bench of Dan Newman, Mike Kelly, Tim Coughenouer, Billy Howe, Brian Howe, and Nic Hoover, affectionately referred to as the "gerbils", sit in anticipation as Duane Johnson confers with Coach Larson.



photo by Angie Bogle



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Des Moines Register

Seniors Jamal Mosely (#24) and Trent Skinner (#20) team up during a Dec. 2 game at Ankeny to trap an Ankeny ballhandler en route to an 83-68 win.

NOTABLE.....



Wesley Burrell

Selected first-team all conference, third in career scoring and fifth in career rebounding; ended season with 15.6 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 2.0 apg, 2.6 spg.



Jamal Mosely

Selected first-team all conference and all-district; named to Dr. Pepper All-Star Squad; finished season with 17.0 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 4.3 apg, 2.8 spg.



Jody Woods

Named first-team all-conference and all-district; named third-team All-State by the *Des Moines Register*, fifth in career scoring and fourth in career rebounding; 15.5 ppg, 9.0 rpg.



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Varsity boys basketball: front row, left to right - manager Ultra Thomas, Jamal Mosely, Billy Young, Duane Johnson, Jody Woods, Wesley Burrell, Trent Skinner, manager Shannon Green; second row - Bryan Howe, David Rude, Mike Kelly, Nic Hoover, Tim Coughenouer, Dan Newman, Dave Newman, Billy Howe; back row - coach Pat Lawler, head coach Bobby Sandquist, coach Brian Larson, coach Don Skinner

Varsity Boys Basketball

17-4

HHS	Opp	HHS	Opp
83	Ankeny	68	Roosevelt
62	C.R. Kennedy	71	Indianola
86	Roosevelt	54	East
81	Ft. Dodge	55	S.E. Polk
70	Urbandale	60	Johnston
75	S.E. Polk	56	Dowling
72	Indianola	56	North
88	East	56	Lincoln
60	Dowling	56	Sub-State
77	North	65	Boone
63	Lincoln	67	Ankeny
		52	64

Varsity Basketball
by Matt Buckley

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Junior Tiffany Walker (#34) prepares to shoot a free throw at Hoover on Jan. 31.

Senior Angie Bogle (#52) tries to wrestle the ball away from the Indianola players at Hoover on Jan. 31.



photo by Mike Duong



photo by Mike Duong



Hard work and improvement shows in varsity girls' performances

The varsity girls' basketball team finished its first season under the direction of Coach Rod Hoegh with a record of 4-17, its best in three years.

Hoegh said that his focus was to improve and to build pride back into the girls' basketball program.

"We worked really hard all year and I think it showed in our performance; unfortunately, we didn't have enough wins to prove it to people," senior Angie Bogle said.

The team began the season with several losses before claiming its first victory over North, 69-51, on Dec. 2.

During the winter break, they participated in the Urbandale Tournament, where they defeated Perry and the sixth ranked 2A school, Ballard-Huxley, 65-55.

"We played one of our best games (versus Ballard-Huxley). We changed our defense in the

second half and it worked well," senior Leanne Sergio said.

The Huskies wrapped up their season with a victory over East, 55-53, on Feb. 3 and a loss to Dowling on Feb. 10.

They faced 11th ranked Roosevelt in the District game on Feb. 16, which they lost 28-32 in overtime.

This season, the Huskies offensive average improved 15 pts. from last season, at 46 pts. per game. They also tripled the number of three-point shots made.

"We started to gel towards the end of the season and it showed in the district game against Roosevelt. We really played like a team," Bogle said.

Sophomore Magan Harris said, "We played our best the entire season and really came together; overall there was a lot more pride in girls' basketball."

Junior Diondra Tate (#54) and senior Esther Rude (#40) rush downcourt during the Indianola game at Hoover on Jan. 31.





photo by Mike Duong

Senior April Gibson (#42), sophomore Magan Harris (#00), and junior Diondra Tate (#54) play defense against Indianola at Hoover on Jan. 31.

Senior Leanne Sergio (#14), junior Diondra Tate (#54), and senior Esther Rude (#40) prepare for the starting lineup at Hoover on Jan. 31.



photo by Mike Duong

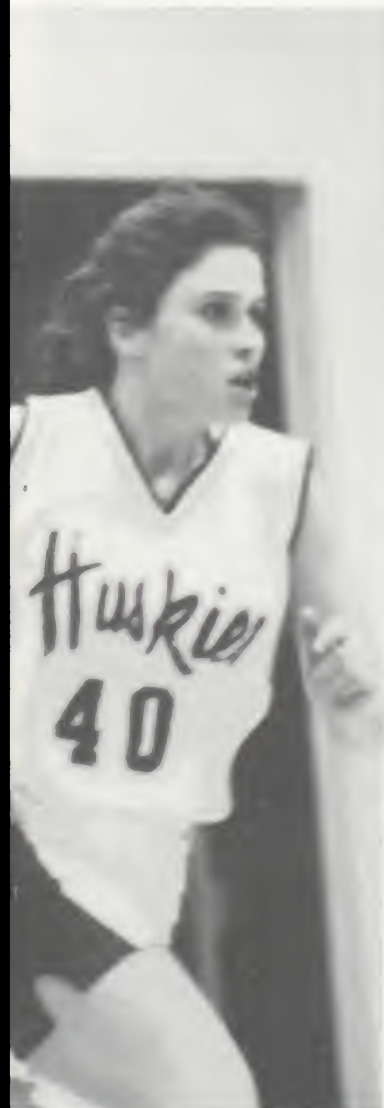


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Senior Leanne Sergio (#14) defends an Indianola player at Hoover on Jan. 31.



photo by Mullica

Varsity girls' basketball team, front row - Nikki Johnson, Ayesha Abdullah, Tiffany Walker, Katie Gross, Leanne Sergio; middle row - Esther Rude, Angie Bogle, Anne Lawrie, Rachel Decker; back row - Michelle Metschke, Magan Harris, Diondra Tate, April Gibson, and Tara Taylor.

Varsity Girls' Basketball

4-18

HHS		Opp.
15	Jamboree	21
48	Clarke	66
42	Norwalk	63
45	Ankeny	63
69	North	51
45	Lincoln	71
37	Roosevelt	58
43	Fort Dodge	76
51	Urbandale	70
53	SE Polk	79
47	Indianola	51
44	Perry	37
65	Ballard-Huxley	55
50	East	58
39	Dowling	73
56	North	57
29	Lincoln	76
42	Roosevelt	66
49	SE Polk	52
38	Indianola	61
55	East	53
35	Dowling	76
	Districts	
28	Roosevelt	32

Varsity Girls' Basketball
by Huong Do

Members of the varsity and junior varsity team battle each other in practice.

Junior Billy Howe (#1) guards his twin brother Bryan (#22) intensely during a practice.



photo by Angie Bogle



photo by Angie Bogle

Starving to gain experience

During the season, members of the junior varsity boys basketball team said they played in many competitive games after going through many rigorous two-hour practices.

Senior Trent Skinner said, "It was hard going from practice to games, but we still had enough energy to play as a team and to the best of our ability."

Junior Dan Newman said, "We really didn't have enough time to eat before our games,

so sometimes we didn't have a lot of energy, but overall we still had fun playing and we played hard."

The team ended the season with a record of four wins and six losses. The coach for the team was Pat Lawler, who was also an assistant for the varsity team.

"The competition isn't as good as the varsity, because some teams don't take J.V. seriously, but we came out to play hard all the time," junior Mike Kelly said.

J.V. boys' basketball team: front - Ryan Doughan, Billy Howe, Bryan Howe; back - Dan Newman, Tim Coughenower, Robert Allison, Mike Kelly. Not pictured - Nic Hoover, Trent Skinner.



photo by Wesley Burrell

Junior J.V. member Mike Kelly (#21) sprints downcourt during a drill during a varsity practice.



photo by Angie Bogle



Junior Tiffany Walker (#34) looks for teammates as she dribbles downcourt.

J.V. Boys' Basketball

4-6

HHS		Opp	HHS		Opp
74	Indianola	81	67	Dowling	76
74	Dowling	67	70	East	53
41	Johnston	72	51	Johnston	62
62	S.E. Polk	54	69	S.E. Polk	62
66	Lincoln	83	69	Roosevelt	71

"Playing J.V. helped me prepare for varsity games."

-- junior Tiffany Walker

photo by Mike Duong

J.V. earning more playing time

The junior varsity girls team was made up of many of the freshmen, sophomore, and junior basketball players. They only played five games due the lack of other area J.V. teams.

"The J.V. games were for us and we used the games to try to prove our selves to the coaches to earn more playing time," freshman Amy Hedrick said. When asked about the most exiting game this season Hedrick said, "the Johnston game was the most exciting game of the year...we fell just short of winning but the score was close throughout

the entire game."

Sophomore Nikki Johnson said, "Our J.V. team this year gave me a chance to ready myself for next year's varsity team and also gave me a chance to practice things that I normally wouldn't try in a regular game. It was also fun challenging Tiff (junior Tiffany Walker) with who could make the most three-pointers, a little taste for next year."

When asked the most important part of playing on the J.V. team, junior Tiffany Walker said, "my experience playing J.V. helped me prepare for the varsity games."



photo by Angie Bogle



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Freshman Maggie Beavers (#25) takes the ball up against Lincoln.

Freshman Tara Taylor (#31) shoots against Lincoln; freshman Jodi Helton (#40) sets to rebound.

J.V. Girls' Basketball
by Trent Skinner

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Freshman T.J. Welton (#35) breaks through Johnston's double team while sophomore teammate Aaron Lewis (#40) waits for the ball on Feb. 7 at Johnston.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Sophs score well while improving

The sophomore team, consisting of freshman and sophomores, finished with a 7-7 record in the conference and a 7-11 record overall. The team's leading scorer was sophomore Brian Bainbridge, who averaged 13.3 points a game, while sophomore Aaron Lewis was second in scoring with an average of 10.2 points a game. Lewis led the team in rebounding, averaging 7.7 a game; sophomore Robert Allison was right behind him, grabbing 6.9 rebounds per game.

"I feel that we had a pretty good season. It was a learning

experience for us. We learned that we must play as a team," said sophomore Charlie Baumert, when asked about the season.

The most exciting basket of the season was, "when Brandon Ganaway hit the last second shot to beat Indianola," Allison said. Ganaway hit a baseline jumper at the buzzer to beat the Indians for a victory on Hoover's home court.

Sophomore Ryan Doughan summed up the season by saying, "We were a strong and competitive team when we played together."

Sophomore boys team: front - Donnie Duong, Brian Bainbridge, Ryan Doughan; back - Jeff Wilson, Robert Allison, Charlie Baumert, Aaron Lewis. Not pictured - Brandon Ganaway, Chance Hulten, Bob Shearon, Brian Smajd.



photo by Jay Simonini

Sophomore Robert Allison (#55) skies in the air while he jumps for the tip-off during the game against Lincoln on Jan. 20.



photo by Leanne Sergio



photo by Angie Bogle

Freshman David Buckley (#35) takes it up strong through a Lincoln defender while freshman teammate Brian Foster (#32) goes for a rebound.

Sophomore Boys' Basketball

7-11					
HHS		Opp	HHS		Opp
39	Ankeny	103	61	Lincoln	51
33	Roosevelt	66	68	Roosevelt	74
39	Ft. Dodge	61	62	S.E. Polk	84
48	Urbandale	57	59	Indianola	58
30	S.E. Polk	71	63	East	41
48	Indianola	61	41	Johnston	68
73	East	28	57	Dowling	71
48	Dowling	73	73	North	44
82	North	55	82	Lincoln	63

Freshmen Boys' Basketball

13-4					
HHS		Opp	HHS		Opp
60	Dowling	54	55	Dowling	58
70	North	46	80	North	39
67	Lincoln	44	87	Lincoln	51
53	Ankeny	82	65	Roosevelt	68
68	Lincoln	62	83	S.E. Polk	77
71	S.E. Polk	55	69	Indianola	54
64	Roosevelt	61	60	Urbandale	52
47	Indianola	52	59	East	49
65	East	52			



photo by Angie Bogle

Teamwork gives frosh success

The freshmen boys basketball "A" team ended the season with an overall record of 13-4 and placed second in the conference with an 11-3 record. The "B" squad ended with a 3-11 record.

"We played well, but should've won more games. The amount of talent in every position helped our team be successful," freshman Dave Rude said.

The team was lead by three starters averaging in double figures, Rude averaged 15.4 points, while freshmen T.J. Welton and David Buckley averaged 14.1 points and 10.2 points per game respectively. Welton lead the team in

rebounds, averaging 6.9 a game; freshman Derek Wilcox was right behind him, pulling down 6.6 boards.

The team was used to close games; they had seven games with the outcome decided by six points or less. "We had a lot of close games, and that made us work together as a team. It also showed our true character and the way we wanted to win," said freshman Brian Foster.

Welton summed up the season by saying, "overall we played well and had a good season, due to good teamwork and good team chemistry and great coaching."



photo by Mullica

Freshman Brian Foster (#32) rises above his Lincoln opponents for two as freshman teammate Derek Wilcox (#40) goes for a rebound on Jan. 19.

Freshmen Boys' Basketball
by Trent Skinner

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Amanda Jones (#22) controls the fast break in a game against the Ankeny Hawkettes.

Nikki Johnson (#33) and Amanda Jones (#23) break the Fort Dodge pressure attempt.



photo by Angie Bogle



photo by Angie Bogle

Fighting to stay a united team

Despite losing a lot of players during the year and a couple of players to the varsity team, the sophomore team managed to post a 5-13 record.

"This has been a really tough year for us, considering that we started out with around 18 players and ended up with five," Amanda Jones said.

The leading scorer was Nikki Johnson with an 8.2 scoring average. The leading rebounder was Michelle Metschke with five rebounds per game. Shayla Haynes led

the team with 55 assists.

Due to the small number of players, many of the freshmen stepped up and helped out the sophomore team by playing in a majority of the games. Through all the tough times the sophomores had during the year, they said they won't forget the memories.

Shayla Haynes said, "We learned to work together as a team which is something I won't forget, and when we played East, went into overtime, and came out with a win!"

Sophomore girls' basketball team, front row -- Megan Harris, Wendy Wilson, Nikki Johnson; second row -- LeeAnn Hofferber, Amanda Jones; back row -- Shayla Haynes. Not pictured: Michelle Hill, Aisha Mayes.



photo by Mullica

Aisha Mayes (#22) goes up and over the Ankeny defenders as Amanda Jones (#22) looks to rebound.



photo by Angie Bogle



photo by Angie Bogle

Maggie Beavers (#25) goes up over a Lincoln defender to shoot a jump shot.

Sophomore Girls' Basketball

5-13				
HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.	
30	Clarke	60	46	East
36	Ankeny	52	26	Dowling
39	North	58	50	North
28	Lincoln	67	16	Lincoln
51	Roosevelt	42	56	Roosevelt
44	Ft. Dodge	67	42	SE Polk
38	Urbandale	61	17	Indianola
45	SE Polk	46	53	East
26	Indianola	46	31	Dowling

Freshmen Girls' Basketball

11-7				
HHS	Opp.	HHS	Opp.	
42	Osceola	32	43	East
65	Norwalk	32	38	Dowling
57	Dowling	54	43	North
70	North	16	43	Lincoln
46	Lincoln	26	68	Roosevelt
60	Roosevelt	25	40	SE Polk
53	SE Polk	52	36	Indianola
42	Ankeny	43	34	Urbandale
28	Indianola	44	54	East



photo by Angie Bogle

Playing to capture victories

After battling in many close games, the freshmen "A" team ended the season with an eleven and seven record. The second team, or "B" team, finished the regular season with a record of nine wins and six losses.

The leading scorer for the team was Anne Lawrie with a 9.8 average. Leading the team in rebounds was Amy Peterson with 118 total rebounds. The leader in assists with 54 was Katie Gross. Peterson also led the team in steals with 45. Leading the team in scoring for the

"B" team was LaNiece Scott, in rebounding was Amanda Butts, and in assists was Tiffany May.

Tara Taylor said of the season, "Freshmen basketball is much more competitive and it's always more fun when you're really working hard. It's also more exciting since we've all gotten considerably better over the summer."

"We are all good friends off the court, which helps bring us together as a team. We did have some minor problems though, but all teams do," Katie Gross said.



photo by Mullica

Tara Taylor (#31) focuses on getting the rebound of Sarah Hinchcliff's (#33) shot against Lincoln.

Freshmen girls' basketball team, front row -- Christina Patramanis, Katie Gross, Amber Wessing, Amy Hedrick, Tiffany May, Joelle Coons; second row -- Jodi Helton, Maggie Beavers, Anne Lawrie, Jenny Bennette; back row -- Tara Taylor, Karen Lueder, Sarah Hinchcliff, coach Bob Buckley, Amy Peterson, Amanda Butts, LaNiece Scott.

Freshmen Girls' Basketball
by Wesley C. Burrell, jr.

The 200-meter free relay swim into third place at the Jan. 14 Fort Dodge Invitational.

Senior Brandon Jones finishes off his race at the Hoover Invitational on Jan. 7.



photo courtesy of Justin Heiden



photo courtesy of Justin Heiden



Boys' swimming stays afloat

"We had a very interesting and challenging year," said Dave Linder, head coach for the boys' swim team. The team finished the season with a record of 4-3 and placing fourth at Districts.

The team consisted of five seniors, seven juniors, ten sophomores, and 16 freshmen, with 19 returning letter winners. Senior Shawn Karaidos said, "I think we had a very respectable season. We had some underclassmen that came out of the dark to help the team and some seniors that proved their abilities as leaders."

Several of the swimmers participated at the State meet. Karaidos qualified for the 50-meter free and placed 13th at the meet, swimming his all time best with a time of 22.71.

The 200-meter free relay team, consisting of Karaidos, seniors Justin Heiden, Brandon Jones and Tyler Williams, and the 400-meter free relay team, consisting

of Karaidos, Jones, Williams, and junior Jeff Bash, also qualified for State. Neither relay team placed, but there were many individual time improvements and life-time bests for the swimmers, Linder said.

Freshman Colin Johnson said, "Swimming has been a lot of fun this year, but it's also been a lot of hard work."

At the end of the season, awards were presented to swimmers that excelled this year. Williams received the Bob Lenc Award. Karaidos was presented with the award for Most Outstanding. Jones was giving the Team High Points award, and Johnson was voted Most Improved.

"I enjoyed swimming this year due to the outpour of support from our fans and coaches. It was awesome to see the seniors pour it on to lead our team to many victories," Heiden said.

Senior Brandon Jones "flies" to victory over North on Dec. 8 at home.



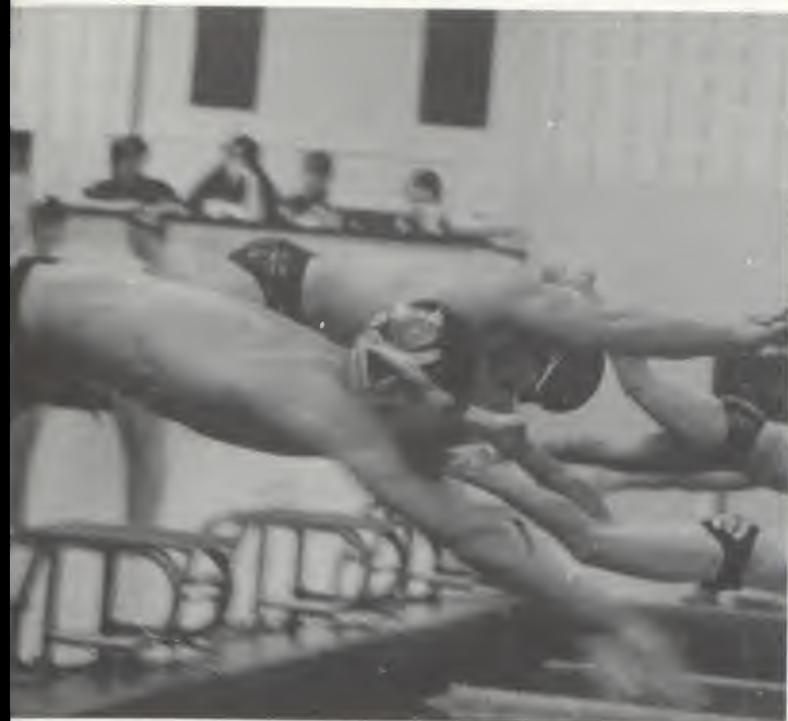


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Sophomore Scott Johnson dives of the starting block at the North meet at Hoover. Coach Dave Linder rubs down Justin Heiden before the State meet on Jan. 18.



photo by Tiffany Sheeder

Senior Justin Heiden swims the 100-meter breaststroke at the Dec. 3 Ames Invitational.

QUOTABLES....



Justin Heiden

"It was awesome to see the seniors pour it on to lead out team to many victories."



Brandon Jones

"My main goal this season was to swim at State and we achieved that, so this year was successful."



Shawn Karaidos

"We had a very respectable season. Some underclassmen came out of the dark and some seniors proved their skills."



Tyler Williams

"All our hard work this season paid off at the end of the year when we qualified for State."



photo courtesy of Justin Heiden



photo by Mullica

Boys' swim team: front - Rick Peters, Brian Heiden, Bryce Jones, managers Caron Slater, Kathi Buckley, Luran Anderson, Patricia Van Zee, Tim Nehmer, Spencer McGinnis, Cory McVey; second row - Mikel Morris, Greg Miller, Brad Kreinbring, Jeremy Jorgenson, Kevin Chenoweth, Andrew Ronland, Nate Curl, Jason Tidwell, Matt Johnson, Jeff Bash; third row - Thomas Briggs, James Grimaldi, Michael Mefford, Rob Cochran, coaches Randy Hansen, Dave Linder, Tim Brown, Colin Johnson, Chris Stelzer, Adam Infante; back - David Nadler, Alex Albright, Chad McVey, David Juskelis, Brandon Jones, Justin Heiden, Tyler Williams, Shawn Karaidos, Ryan Kramer, Scott Johnson, Chad Murray.

photo by Josh Hulling

Boys' Swimming

HHS	4-3	Opp.
130	North	35
102.5	Indianola	66.5
35	S.E. Polk	59
67	Roosevelt	103
110	Lincoln	60
127	East	43
60	Dowling	109
		Placed
91	Ames Invitational	6th
94	Ft. Dodge Invitational	6th
136	Districts	4th

*Boys' Swimming
by Marci Simonini*

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Junior Cathy Claycomb checks her time after finishing the 500 freestyle at the District meet at Valley on Oct. 29.



photo by Dave Mahler

Senior Emi McCarty and junior Caron Slater take a break before the District meet.



photo by Dave Mahler



Marlins work to improve times

The Marlins finished their season with a record of 1-6, claiming a victory over North on Oct. 18. The squad was led by senior Emi McCarty from Guthrie Center and returning letterwinners sophomore Katie Bierma, junior Caron Slater, and sophomore April Taylor.

Coach Dave Mahler said that at "every meet [the] swimmers produced between 25 and 40 individual time improvements. That's success...We swim, we improve, we enjoy the sport. That's what swimming should be about."

The Marlins performed well at the conference meet on Oct. 22 at Roosevelt High School. Freshman Tara Taylor placed second in her class in both the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, with times of 28.32 and 1:20.41. Freshman Melissa Christie also placed second in her class in the diving

competition, earning a score of 129.20. McCarty and Bierma both finished first in their classes in the 100 freestyle and placed third and sixth in the conference overall, with times of 59.87 and 1:00.44.

They wrapped up their season with strong performances at the District meet on Oct. 29 at Valley High School. McCarty was only a few seconds away from the state qualifying times in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke, finishing with times of 58.60 and 1:08.57. The 200 freestyle relay team, consisting of McCarty, freshman Kristin Bray, freshman Tara Taylor, and Bierma, was also seconds shy of the 1:48.80 state qualifying time, finishing at 1:52.16.

Sophomore April Taylor said, "We did really well and most everybody worked hard; we're not slackers!"

Freshman Tara Taylor prepares to swim the 400 freestyle relay as sophomore April Taylor and junior Caron Slater cheer her on.





photo by Eric Galvin

The Marlins listen to a pep talk from coach Dave Mahler before the District meet at Valley on Oct. 29.

Freshman Tara Taylor swims a lifetime best in the 500 freestyle during the District meet.



photo by Dave Mahler

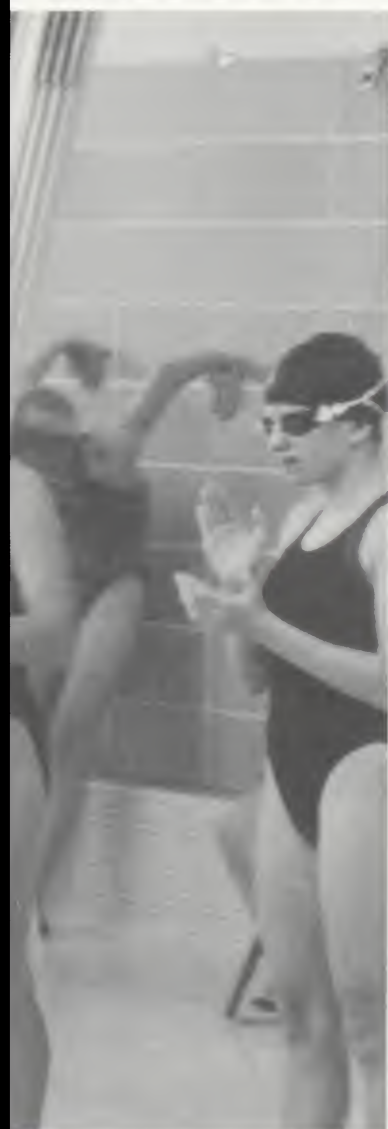


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photo by Leanne Sergio

Freshman Jennifer Howe dives against North at Hoover on Oct. 18.

QUOTES.....



Angela Neve

"This year we had a lot of unity as a team during and after the meets."



Natalya Merenyuk

"We worked as hard as we could and had fun."



Katie Bierma

"Overall we had a lot of improvements on times."



photo by Mullica

The Marlins girls' swim team, front row--Tricia Van Zee, Natalya Merenyuk, Tiffany Brown; second row--April Taylor, Lauren Anderson, Amy Peterson, Tara Taylor, Laura Breeher, Jessica Cameron; third row--Coach Dave Mahler, Emi McCarty, Cathy Claycomb, Kristin Bray, Rachel Erickson, April Burkhardt, assistant coach Eric Galvin; fourth row--Melissa Christie, Jennifer Howe, Caron Slater, Angela Walker, Jennifer Merritt, Angela Neve, Lyssa Dusenberry, Katie Bierma.

Girls' Swimming

1-6		
HHS		Opp.
26	S.E. Polk	26
51	Roosevelt	134
68	Lincoln	112
72	East	92
58	Dowling	128
42	Indianola	148
117	North	61

*Girls' Swimming
by Huong Do*

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Seniors Tiffany Sheeder and Leta Steffen put touch pads away after a meet.

Juniors Cathy Claycomb and Katy Harris and sophomore Cindy Gronert record times in the officials' booth.



photo by Natasha Grant



photo by Tiffany Sheeder

Timers take charge

The Hoover boys' swim team had a winning season this year, with help from the timers' club and yell leaders. What is the timers' club and what do yell leaders do? The yell leaders help cheer on the swimmers at the meets. The timers' club is the only student organized and student officiated program in Iowa. They run the stopwatches and computer, recording individual times and scoring the meet. The timers' club also takes care of the home meets by cheering on our team, officiating, and running the touch boards.

This year senior Jessica Lyon was president of the timers and yell leaders; senior Tiffany Sheeder served as the vice-president.

Coach Dave Linder said, "The timers' club is very vital to our team. The timers' club and yell leaders volunteer their time and therefore help save money because we don't have to hire people to run the meets. The timers and yell leaders were a very big asset to our team, by helping organize our meets and cheer us on to victory.

"Their services were greatly appreciated," senior swimmer Justin Heiden said.

Timers & yell leaders: front - Jennifer Ruby, Alicia Hymel, Angela Neve, Cindy Gronert, Carrie Stackhouse; middle - Courtney Coll, Katie Dann, Amy Hanlon, Katy Harris, Andrea Kueck; back - Kristina Selander, Kari Behn, Jessica Lyon, Tiffany Sheeder, Monica Losee, Nicole Drake.



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Juniors Jennifer Ruby and Amy Hanlon time and cheer on the swimmers.



photo by Natasha Grant



photo by Taylor Newman

Freshman Justin Song grapples with a Bondurant opponent at the Jan. 24 Dowling-Bondurant dual meet.

Sophomore Kelly Christopher pins his Indianola opponent at the Indianola-I-35 dual meet at Indianola on Feb. 2.



photo by Taylor Newman



photo by Taylor Newman

J.V. wrestlers learn and look toward varsity goals

Junior varsity, in any sport, is a time for learning and improving. The j.v. wrestlers spent the season learning what wrestling is about and what it takes to be a successful wrestler on the varsity team.

Leading the team was freshman Justin Song. Song had five wins, six loses, ten takedowns and three pins.

One highlight of the j.v. season was sophomores Dan Parker and Kelly Christopher

winning the North Polar Bear Junior Varsity Tournament in their weight classes on Jan. 7. Christopher also won the Jefferson Tournament on Jan. 14.

Coaches for the team were Tim Pezzetti, Clint Luscomb, and Tam Ho; these coaches were also in charge of the varsity squad. Coach Ho said, "The junior varsity guys really wrestled hard. They also learned a lot and have really improved."

J.V. Wrestling Records

Wt.	Name	Record
119	Rob Clark	0-19
145	Justin Song	5-6
160	Sean Fabritz	1-15
160	Nick Anderson	1-15
171	Aaron Lumley	1-25

Sophomore Dan Parker works on turning his Bondurant opponent at the Bondurant-Dowling dual meet on Jan. 24.

*J.V. Wrestling
by Taylor Newman*

Freshman Ben Minnis overpowers his Boone opponent at Hoover on Feb. 7.

Junior Matt Smith discusses his match at Conference with coach Clint Luscomb.



photo by Taylor Newman



photo by Taylor Newman

Young wrestlers improve skills and show potential

Imagine never eating on Wednesdays to make weight for a meet the next day. Or not eating or going out on Friday nights because you have to prepare to spend all Saturday at a tournament. Sound like fun? Well it does for the Hoover wrestling squad.

It was a new start for the wrestling team this year. They had a new coach, many new wrestlers, and a lot of new experiences. With a squad of five freshman, seven sophomores, three juniors and no seniors, the team had to start from the bottom and work up.

"We tripled our number from the previous year and got a lot of younger kids out for the first time. Wrestling is not one of those sports where you get good overnight," said head coach Tam Ho.

Freshman Ben Minnis said "I think that the wrestling team will

see more success and more numbers in the future."

The team as a whole didn't have a lot of success, never winning a dual meet, although there were some individual successes. Junior Joe Lamb went to State.

Of this experience he said, "It was an unbelievable experience and I can not wait to go back next year and win!"

To go to State a wrestler must take first or second at Districts. Lamb took second in Districts at Urbandale, only losing one match 9-4. Junior Matt Smith's fate for State came down to a wrestle back for true second. He ended up taking third and missing State.

The team went to only three tournaments. These were Perry, Pleasantville and Lincoln. Lamb won the Pleasantville tournament and took second at Perry.



Junior Joe Lamb tries to turn his East opponent at State on Feb. 23.



photo by Taylor Newman

Freshman Ben Minnis pins his Newton opponent at Hoover on Feb. 7.

Junior Matt Smith gets riding time against East at Conference on Feb. 10.



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Junior Joe Lamb uses a chin set at Conference on Feb. 10.

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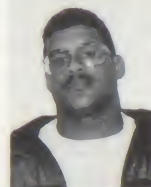
Joe Lamb

junior, three time letter winner, 1995 State Qualifier, Captain. Lead team with 73 takedowns and 40 team points.



Ben Minnis

freshman, 12 take downs, led the team with six pins and scored 33 team points.



Matt Smith

junior, 18 takedowns five pins, one technical fall and 29 team points.



photo by Mullica

Wrestling team: front row - Rob Clark, Andrew Jackman, Ben Minnis, Nate Ferguson, Mike Amos; middle row - manager Charlene Meyer, Bob Barger, Joe Lamb, Adam Neeley, David Weier, Aaron Lumley, manager Loan Pham; back row - Dan Parker, Jeff Hopp, Sean Fabritz, Jon Lutz, Kelly Christopher, Chris Davis, Justin Song. Not pictured - Nick Anderson, Matt Smith.

Varsity Wrestling Records

Wt.	Name	Record	Pins
103	B. Minnis	8 - 21	6
112	D. Parker	4 - 20	1
119	A. Jackman	2 - 16	1
125	N. Ferguson	5 - 11	3
130	J. Simpson	0 - 11	0
135	K. Christopher	9 - 11	3
145	M. Amos	2 - 20	0
160	J. Lamb	19 - 6	4
171	C. Davis	4 - 15	0
Hwt.	M. Smith	9 - 10	5

*Varsity Wrestling
by Taylor Newman*

Senior Ramon Christopher runs the 110-meter hurdles at the Apr. 27 Drake Relays. He finished second.

Junior Jay Hall passes the baton to senior Brad Haugh in the 4x100-meter relay at the Drake Relays on Apr. 28.



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Kelly Christopher

Boys' track soars to State

From placing first at the City Series on May 2 to sending three individuals and one relay team to State, the boys' track team has had a rewarding season.

The runners that participated at State were seniors Ramon Christopher and Josh Huling, both running the 110-meter high hurdles, and junior Tim Schnoor, running the 3200-meter. The 4x800 relay team, consisting of Schnoor, junior Eric Groen and sophomores Mike Ostreko and Bob Shearon,

also qualified for State. Christopher placed first in his event and Huling placed fourth. Schnoor came in 15th, while the relay team came in 16th. Overall, the Hoover team ended up 13th in the state.

Huling said, "State was great! I've been working for a state medal for four years and it finally happened."

Schnoor said, "Running at the state track meet was a very exciting experience, even though I was a bit intimidated by it."

Boys' track team: front - Ryan Mitchell, Tim Schnoor, Dave Peterson, Eric Groen, Ramon Christopher, Sam Boutchee, Brett Streeter, Chad McVey, Matt Smith; second row - Mike Ostreko, Toshi Ueda, Andre Moore, Sam Brown, Josh Brott, Gilbert Clay, Titus Young, Jay Hall, Josh Huling; third row - John Audlehelm, Brian Bainbridge, Kelly Christopher, Bob Shearon, Phil Holt, Matt Griffis, Brad Haugh; back - Dave Juskelis, Jeremiah Breeze, Jeff Wilson.

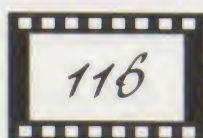


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Junior Tim Schnoor edges his Lincoln opponent in the 3200-meter run at the Ankeny Invitational.



photo by Angie Bogler



Boys' Track
by Jay Simonini



photo by Matt Buckley

Freshman Maggie Beavers takes flight during the long jump at the conference meet.

Boys' Track

Placed	Meet	Placed	Meet
2nd	Lincoln Inv.	6th	Dodger Relays
2nd	Hoover Inv.	5th	Ankeny Inv.
3rd	Urbandale Inv.	2nd	Conference
1st	City Series	13th	State

Girls' Track

Placed	Meet	Placed	Meet
8th	S.E. Polk Inv.	7th	Johnston Inv.
8th	Valley Inv.	7th	Ankeny Inv.
9th	Urbandale Inv.	4th	Lee Township
6th	Lincoln Inv.	9th	District
3rd	City Series	7th	Conference
7th	Carlisle Inv.		

Girls' track hurdles obstacles

"Having both a wet and cold season, most units and individuals improved throughout the season," coach Bob Jankovitz said.

With many of the meets rained out and postponed, districts finally arrived on May 9. Tara Deering, being one of the top performers, placed first in the 100-meter hurdles, with a time of 15.86.

"I'm happy that I accomplished what I set out to do at the beginning of the season and that was to go to State. I didn't run my fastest time at State, but I'm satisfied with a 15.6

and my ninth place finish," Deering said.

Senior Taylor Newman said, "This year has been the best ever. It was the biggest thrill when our shuttle hurdle relay team - made up of Erica Swanson, Meggan Christiansen, Shawntelle Madison and myself - placed second at the East Invitational."

One loss for the team was the junior Teleza Jones. After placing first in the long jump at the Rams Invitational and the Valley Relays, she injured her knee and was lost for the season.



photo by Matt Buckley



photo by Mullica

Senior Tara Deering extends a leg during the 100 meter hurdles at the conference tournament at S.E. Polk.

Girls' track team: front - Andrea Ludwig, Tarsha Knighton, Tara Deering, Erica Swanson, Taylor Newman, Shawntelle Madison, Natalya Merenyuk, Meggan Christiansen; middle - Amber Duff, Christina Patramanis, Lakeshea Whiteside, Michelle Hill, Amy Lee, Amie Hedrick, Kathi Buckley; back - coach Jerry Gay, coach Bob Wilkerson, Tara Taylor, Maggie Beavers, Geneva Moore, Amy McDonald, Heather Mallette, Candy Mason, Lela Braden, Chrissy Burner, Carolyn Williams, head coach Bob Jankovitz.

Girls' Track
by Kari Greenlee

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Senior Rod Cortez returns an opponent's volley on May 15 against

Senior Tyler Williams serves to his Lincoln opponent on May 15 at Hoover.



photo by Jay Simonini



photo by Jay Simonini

Boys' Tennis Strings Up Victories

"Depth and youth were two strengths for the 1995 boys' tennis team," coach Steve Lundholm said.

"This year I will be lettering 18 players, with only five seniors," he said.

The team captains were seniors Rod Cortez and Tyler Williams. The team also had two four-year letter winners in Williams and senior Ryan Lundholm.

The number one player was Cortez, Williams was number two, and senior Lukasz Nosek

was number three, Lundholm said.

"Big meets for us included an 11-0 shutout of Indianola, and playing Dowling and Roosevelt tough with a young team," Lundholm said.

The rainy weather affected the tennis season. The team had several meets rescheduled and didn't make-up two meets.

"One of our goals was to finish with a winning record," Lundholm said. The team accomplished this goal finishing with a record of 5-4.

Varsity boys' tennis team: Bryan Manning, Matt Anderson, Dan Newman, Shawn Karadios, Jon Talcott, Praveen Bannikatti, Jaime Beard. Not pictured - Tyler Williams, Rod Cortez, Brandon Jones, Ryan Lundholm, Tom Stehl, Lukasz Nosek, Chad Murray.



photo by Matt Buckley

Senior Rod Cortez serves against Lincoln on May 15. Hoover lost the conference matchup, 4-7.



photo by Jay Simonini



photo by Angie Bogle

Senior Huong Do returns a ball at the Lincoln Invitational on May 6. She came in fourth at the tournament.

Boys' Tennis

5-4

HHS		Opp	HHS		Opp
4	Ankeny	7	9	S.E. Polk	2
8	East	3	11	North	0
11	Indianola	0	4	Lincoln	7
3	Roosevelt	8	6	Johnston	5
3	Dowling	8			

Girls' Tennis

4-6

HHS		Opp	HHS		Opp
3	Ankeny	7	4	S.E. Polk	7
0	Lincoln	3	9	N. Polk	2
3	Roosevelt	0	11	North	0
2	Urbandale	8	7	Indianola	4
3	Dowling	8	6	East	5

Girls' tennis backhands the competition

The girls' tennis team started the season with more than twice as many players as last year, growing from 17 to almost 40 players. "It was really encouraging to see so many new players out for tennis this year," said coach Laura Ahrendt.

The top three players this year were all returning letter winners. Seniors Leanne Sergio, Huong Do, and Angie Bogle were ranked number one, two, and three, respectively. Sergio and Bogle also played number one doubles. Juniors Stephanie Roskamp and Sarah Severson played

number two.

The team finished the season with a 4-6 record, winning their last four meets. Four of the team members also participated in the District meet. Sergio and Bogle played doubles and Do and Severson each played in single matches.

"It was really nice to have such a fabulous group of people to play with. We all got along really well," Do said.

"This team had a lot of energy and a good attitude overall, which made this a fun group to work with," said Ahrendt.



photo by Angie Bogle



photo by Mullica

Senior Leanne Sergio warms up before her match at the Lincoln Invitational on May 6. Sergio's doubles partner was senior Angie Bogle.

Varsity girls' tennis team: front - Kristen Jahn, Angie Bogle, Huong Do, Leanne Sergio, Shannon Murray, Amy Martin, Olga Shevtsova; middle front - Carrie Stackhouse, Sarah Severson, Stephanie Roskamp, Janet Buckley, Amy Hanlon, Katy Harris, Amy Stolki, Katie Bierma; middle back - coach Kirk Johnson, Sarah Hinchliff, Luran Anderson, Loan Pham, Andrea Kueck, Nikki Johnson, Kristina Sheaffer, Nga Lam, Melissa Christie, Patricia Van Zee, coach Laura Ahrendt; back - Kim Pettycoart, Jenny Fath, Amy Peterson, Karen Luder, Sara Carlson, Talia Burnett, Amanda Bolte, Joelle Coons, Kristi Larson, Holly Canine.

Girls' Tennis
by Marci Simonini

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Sophomore Sarah Anderson throws in the ball.

Sophomore Theresa Hedrick fights off a Johnston defender.



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Kelly Christopher



Girls' soccer to be a Hoover sport

"This season has been a struggle, but I am very optimistic about the future. These girls are going to make for a very bright future in Hoover girls' soccer," head coach Art Behn said.

The girls finished up the season with a record of 2-8-0. All of the games were close, according to sophomore Brenda Bass, but the wins were against Dowling and Johnston.

"Our record of 2-8-0 would seem to indicate a poor season. As a coach, I measure success using several yardsticks. By all other measures this has been a successful season. With no seniors and one junior on the varsity squad, I look forward to exciting girls' soccer at Hoover," coach Behn said.

The team is made up of mainly sophomore and freshmen girls. The captains were freshmen Jenny Howe and Kelly Nelson, and junior Emily Minnis.

This program is a member of the

Northwest Club Soccer and it was started last year. However, after this year, Hoover will have a sanctioned girls' soccer team. The sanctioning means that the sport will be officially recognized by the CIML as an athletic event in the same regard as other sports.

"I think it's important to acknowledge the tremendous help we have received from the Northwest soccer club. For the past two years they have supported us by paying for insurance, referees and uniforms. Next year we'll be a sanctioned varsity sport, and we'll be ready because of their support," coach Behn said.

"Even with our lack of experience and players, we pulled together as a team to have a fun season," sophomore Amanda Jones said.

"We are a young team and we have lots of time to improve. In the coming years we should have room to become a better team," Bass said.

Junior Emily Minnis kicks the ball past the Johnston players to sophomore Theresa Hedrick.





photo by Kelly Christopher

Freshman Kelly Nelson and sophomore Sarah Anderson get ready to resume the game after a short break.

Sophomore Brenda Bass attempts to steal the ball from a Urbandale player, while sophomore Sarah Anderson backs her up.



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Kelly Christopher

Sophomore Amanda Jones takes out a Urbandale player.

NOTABLE.....



Emily
Minnis



Jennifer
Howe



Kelly
Nelson

Emily Minnis, Jennifer Howe, and Kelly Nelson were selected by their teammates to serve as varsity captains for this season. They've served by taking care of some of the daily details and keeping the team's spirits high.



photo by Kelly Christopher

Girls' soccer team: front - Emily Minnis, Amanda Jones, Jennifer Geronimo, Kathy Stokes; back - Magan Harris, Brenda Bass, Jennifer Howe, Sarah Anderson, Kelly Nelson, Theresa Hedrick, Lindsey Kelly, Leah Marsell, Tiffany Brown.

"As a coach, I measure success using several yardsticks. By all ...measures this has been a successful season."

-- coach Art Behn

Girls' Soccer
by Mande Graham

Freshmen Jacob Brott (#35) and Nate Ferguson (#22) double-team a Valley opponent.

Freshman Eric Kintner (#16) performs a corner kick against North. Hoover won, 8-1, against the Polar Bears.



photo by Matt Buckley



photo by Mande Graham



Boys' soccer advances to state tournament

This year the boys' soccer team began their practice in March rather than May, which was quite a switch because of the weather.

"The rainy weather kept us from practicing outside a lot of the time, and we ended up losing some games we should have won, but we started to pull it together at the end. We were definitely ready for the state tournament," senior Aaron Starek said.

"It was a lot different than last year because of having an actual stadium of our own. Since the season was in the school year, rather than the summer, more people knew when the games were and came to support us," senior Curt Lamb said.

Altogether, the team had 15 returning letter-winners. They finished off the season with a record of 5-2, then went on to compete in the districts. After a victory against area rival Johnston, Hoover qualified for Iowa's first state soccer

tournament with a 2-0 win over Lincoln. At the state tournament, Hoover lost its first round game to Cedar Rapids Washington.

"This year's program had just the right combination of player personnel, managerial staff and administrative support. It was a great season," head coach Pat Kozitza said. "The number of seniors on this year's team gave us just the right amount of skill and experience. Our junior varsity team has done an excellent job and will have much to contribute in the future," he said.

"This year's team was the most skilled group of soccer players we've had here at Hoover," assistant coach Russ Vanderhoef said. "In addition to that, they were the most cooperative to work with and this season has been a lot of fun. I feel that as a team we have established some very realistic goals," he said.

Junior Bryan Howe (#11) saves the ball from going out of bounds, and senior Jeremy Cooper (#13) backs him up during a game against North. Hoover won, 8-1.





photo by Matt Buckley

Senior Jeremy Cooper (#13) shoots a header on the North goal.

Varsity soccer team, front - manager Mandee Graham, Ryan Johnson, Bryan Howe, Eric Kintner, Keith Small, Billy Howe, Poudy Simahano, Marlon Morales, Lukasz Nosek, managers Cindy Gronert, Kristina Selander; back - head coach Pat Kozitza, Chris Scherer, Curt Lamb, Kurt Behn, Tom Lamb, Jeff Sinwell, Scott Johnson, Jeremy Cooper, Darren Bass, Chris Roozen, Aaron Starek.



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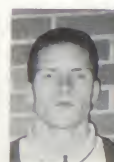
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photo by Mandee Graham

Senior Tom Lamb gets himself mentally and physically prepared for a game.

NOTABLE.....



Jeremy Cooper

First in conference for scoring in 1992, First Team All Conference in 1994, Honorable Mention in 1992 and 1993, team captain in 1994 and 1995 and letter-winner for five years.



Aaron Starek

Honorable Mention in conference in 1994, team captain in 1995, and letter-winner for five years.



Ryan Johnson

Second in conference for scoring in 1993, Second Team All Conference in 1993, Honorable Mention in 1994, Academic All Conference and letter-winner for three years.



photo by Mullica

J.v. team, front - Rob Clark, Ben Wiles, Nate Ferguson, Nick Lloyd, Dan Parker, Cory McVey, Mikel Morris, Tim Nehmer; back - head coach Pat Kozitza, Keith Small, Marlon Morales, Colin Johnson, Curt Lamb, Rex Tredway, Nate Curl, Jacob Brott, assistant coach Russ Vanderhoef.

Boys' Soccer					
7-3-0					
HHS		Opp	HHS		Opp
9	East	0	0	Dowling	2
4	Lincoln	1		District	
2	Indianola	0	3	Johnston	2
0	Roosevelt	4	2	Lincoln	0
4	S.E. Polk	1		State	
8	North	1	1	C.R. Wash.	6

Boys' Soccer
by Mandee Graham

Keeping an eye on the game, the varsity players watch intently from the dugout as their teammates take their turns at bat.

Junior third baseman Dave Peterson (#32) hustles off the field after throwing to first baseman Tim Schnoor (#24) for the third out.



photo by Amy Lee



photo by Marci Simonini



At the plate and swinging

Returning from a strong season last year, this year's varsity team was looking to be competitive.

The 1994 baseball team finished the season with a 19-16 overall record and an 11-10 conference play. The team won their opening District Tournament game against North with a score of 13-3. They were then eliminated in the District Finals by the eventual State runner-up, Ankeny, by a score of 5-2.

That 1994 team was led by several All-Conference standouts: graduate Jon Harris, seniors Brad Haugh, Brandon Jones, and Ryan Lundholm, and juniors David Peterson and Tim Schnoor.

According to Coach Mark Chelleen, the 1995 team held promise and potential. He said that, because of the large numbers of returning players, the team would benefit from the "vital experience coming back from last season's team."

Returning players were seniors Haugh, Jones, Shawn Karaidos,

Lundholm, Williams and juniors Eric Groen, Peterson and Schnoor.

In addition to the juniors and seniors that traditionally make up the varsity squad, several underclassmen played with the team. Sophomores Ryan Doughan, Charlie Baumert, and Adam Lueder were in this talented group, along with freshmen David Newman, David Buckley, and Derek Wilcox.

The starting lineup varied from day to day, but several players were a constant force. The main pitchers for Hoover were Williams, Schnoor, and Mitchell; catching duties were assigned to Haugh and Groen. Infielding was left to Peterson, Schnoor, Williams, and Newman; usual outfielders were Karaidos, Lundholm, and Jones.

Lundholm said that the team not only had returning skill, but that they worked well together.

The varsity team finished the year with a 16-15 record in the regular season. In the conference, they tied for fifth with Roosevelt with a 10-11 mark.

Senior Brad Haugh (#29) prepares to round third base during a home nonconference game against the Johnston Dragons.





photo by Amy Lee

Senior Brad Haugh (#29) hits a line drive down the third base line as the varsity head coach, Mark Chelleen, watches from the coaching box. The varsity baseball team swept Lincoln in the away double-header on May 31.

Junior first baseman Tim Schnoor (#24) and freshman second baseman Dave Newman (#30) concentrate on their defense during the bottom of the fifth inning. The Huskies went on to beat the Railsplitters by a score of 11-3.



photo by Amy Lee



photo by Amy Lee



photo by Marci Simonini



photo by Kathi Buckley

Varsity baseball team: front - Ryan Lundholm, Tim Schnoor, Tyler Williams, Eric Groen, Charles Walker, Ryan Mitchell, Dave Peterson, Adam Lueder, Dave Newman, Ryan Doughan; back - Dan Newman, Brandon Jones, Shawn Karaidos, Brad Haugh, Charlie Baumert, Derek Wilcox, Nic Hoover, Steve Lyon, head coach Mark Chelleen.

Taking the time to look for a signal from the coach, senior Tyler Williams (#33) prepares to steal second base.

NOTABLE.....



Brad Haugh

Named 1994 First Team All-Conference, Second team All-District catcher; ended '94 season batting .312, with 17 RBIs in 109 at bats.



Brandon Jones

Named Honorable Mention All-Conference 1994; ended '94 season batting .376, with 45 RBIs and 5 home runs in 101 at bats.



Ryan Lundholm

Named 1994 Second Team All-Conference center fielder, 1994 Second Team All-District outfielder; ended '94 season batting .360, with a 2.25 ERA.

Varsity Baseball

The 1995 varsity boys finished their regular season campaign with a 16-15 record, with a 10-11 record in interconference matches. No record of scores was available at time of publication, and the conference standouts had not been announced. At press time, the Huskies were to begin post-season play at Boone in a first-round district game against Boone on July 15.

Varsity Baseball
by Erica Swanson

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Sophomore Ryan Doughan (#xx) breaks off the base on May 31 against Lincoln.

Sophomore Brian Bainbridge (#xx) at bat against Lincoln.



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Kelly Christopher

Sophomores swing for the fences

The 1995 sophomore team returned several players from the previous year. Those players were sophomores Charlie Baumert and Adam Leuder, and freshmen David Buckley, David Rude, and Derek Wilcox. The remainder of the lineup was filled by sophomores, freshmen and eighth grade standouts Jason Karaidos, Tony Quinn, and Pat McCarthy.

"We knew that we had the potential to win some games this year if we played hard as a team and had good attitudes. We did a good job as a team in doing the basics, and

it showed in our results," Buckley said.

The sophomore team contended for the American conference title until the final week of the season. Losses to Southeast Polk and North left Hoover with a 18-12 regular season record, knocking them out of the first place hunt..

The sophomore team had several players who were called up to the varsity team during the season; these contributors were sophomores Baumert, Leuder, and Ryan Doughan, and freshman Wilcox and Buckley.

Sophomore baseball team: front - Grant Noah, Jeremy Jorgensen, Tim Rech, Ryan Doughan, Adam Lueder; back - David Rude, Tom Berger, Chris West, Robert Allison, Charlie Baumert, Brian Bainbridge, Derek Wilcox.



photo by Kathi Buckley

Sophomore Charlie Baumert checks his swing against Lincoln on May 31. Hoover split the doubleheader with th Railsplitters, losing 8-4 and then winning, 8-7.



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Matt Buckley

Freshman catcher Jason Tidwell rises to watch the play after a North batter hits during a conference doubleheader. Hoover split the pair with the Polar Bears.

Sophomore Baseball

The sophomore baseball team finished the season with a record of 18-12. A complete listing of scores was not available at press time; player statistics were also unavailable.

Freshman Baseball

The freshman baseball team finished their season with a mark of 9-23-1. A complete listing of scores and was not available at press time; player statistics were also unavailable.

Large freshmen team goes deep

The freshman baseball team had a huge roster, consisting of 41 players. 15 players were true freshmen; the rest were incoming eighth-graders.

The size of the team allowed for an "A", "B", and "C" team. Usually, the "A" team would play the first game of a doubleheader, and the "B" or "C" team would play the second game.

Denny said, "Our team strengths were a strong pitching staff, experience behind the plate, and our team speed - when they decided to use it...our weaknesses were [that] our concentration faltered at times, and early on our outfield needed testing."

"Team leaders were freshmen Adam Crabb, Andrew Maahs, Jason Tidwell, and eighth grader Jason Karadios," said Denny.

Some of the team goals were to have a strong, consistent pitching staff and to play fundamentally correct Hoover-style baseball, said Denny. The team finished with a record of 9-23-1. The majority of the wins came from the "A" team's games, though the "B" team also contributed a couple of the team's wins.

"We had a good season, we just wanted to improve from last season," said freshman Matt Woods.



photo by Matt Buckley



photo by Kathi Buckley

Freshman Adam Crabb hurls a pitch during the first game of a doubleheader against North. Hoover won the first game of the set.

Freshman baseball team: front row - Pat McCarthy, Joey Jaynes, Jerome Miller, Tony Quinn, Alex Groen, Justin Leitsch, Spencer McGinness; middle - Chad Floden, Nick Horton, Brian Heiden, Saul Hedquist, Tyree Lewis, Brad Gibson, Roger Stetson, Eric Mitchell, Mike Mohler; back - Jason Karadios, Andrew Maahs, Andrew Bash, Justin Reese, Nick Miller, Adam Crabb, Steven Schnoor, Bryce Jones, Kevin Chenoweth, Jason Tidwell, Sean Murphy, James Vigon, Lauris Rostoks, David Nadler, Tim Barnes.

Freshman Baseball
by Nic Hoover

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Sophomore Delaine Burken (#16) gets ready for a grounder during the warm up before the home game against Ankeny on May 6.

Sophomore Melissa Priest (#3) fires the ball past an Ankeny batter at home on May 5.



photo by Megan Carrico



photo by Dena Shoemaker



Young team plays hard ball

The varsity softball team consisted of 18 players, with four starters and 12 players returning from last season. With only two seniors and four juniors, the team is mostly made up of sophomores and freshmen. "Youth is our strength and our weakness", head coach Wendy Turner said.

The team was led by captains seniors Esther Rude and Erica Swanson, junior Kari Greenlee, and freshmen Katie Gross. Greenlee said, "The players on this team work well together... the players' always do the best they can."

The battery consisted of sophomore Kristen Hayes at catcher and sophomore Melissa Priest and freshman Tammy Leitch as pitchers. In-field duties were held by several players, notably Gross, Swanson, Greenlee, sophomore Delaine Burken, and freshman Anne Lawrie. Outfield was also home to several players during the season, as Rude, junior Stephanie Roskamp, sophomore Kathi Buckley, junior Emily Minnis, and freshman Dana Swanson all saw significant playing time.

"This group of girls are the best

team players I've seen," Turner said.

With a schedule including conference powers Lincoln, East, and Dowling, the conference was tough. Even with excellent performances by the elder Swanson and Rude, the Huskies had trouble winning ball games. Wins against conference rivals North and Roosevelt were highlights of the season, as the team finished with a 9-31 regular season record. Their 2-12 conference record put them in eighth place in the American Conference.

On July 17th, the team played Lincoln in the first round of the district softball tournament. Though the team kept close with the 12th-ranked Railsplitters for five innings, the quick Lincoln bats came through to end the Huskies' season, 13-0.

"The biggest thing is that I have two-thirds freshmen and two sophomores in the field... look out - these young ladies will surprise you," Turner said.

Freshman Katie Gross (#1) gets ready for the next pitch after laying off a high one from the Dowling pitcher. Hoover lost the conference game, 6-0.





photo by Dena Shoemaker

Sophomore pitcher Melissa Priest (#3) helps sophomore catcher Kristen Hayes (#21) practice her batting skills before a home game.

Junior Kari Greenlee (#17) walks back home plate after hitting a foul ball and prepares to try again.



photo by Megan Carrico



photo by Matt Buckley



photo by Megan Carrico

Junior Stephanie Roskamp (#8) fires a throw back to the coach during outfield practice.

QUOTABLES....



Kathi Buckley

"The hard work that all the underclassmen put into this season should give us plenty of experience in the next few years."



Kari Greenlee

"The players on this team work well together. No matter if we win or loss, the players always do their best."



Stephanie Roskamp

"Even though the team is mostly younger players, they play as hard and as aggressive as the rest of us."



photo by Mullica

Varsity and j.v. softball team: front - Shayla Haynes, Amber Wessing, Katie Gross, Kristen Hayes, Melissa Priest, Lisa Bentley; middle - coach Wendy Turner, Erica Swanson, Esther Rude, Emily Minnis, Anne Laurie, Dana Swanson, coach Maria Mikuska; back - Tammy Leitch, Stephanie Roskamp, Delaine Burken, Kari Greenlee, Tara Taylor, Kathi Buckley, Jodi Long.

Varsity Softball

The varsity softball team finished their regular season with a 9-31 record, with a 2-12 record in the conference. Their conference record earned them 8th place in the conference. The season ended with a 13-0 loss to Lincoln in the district playoffs. A final tabulation of scores was not available at press time, nor were individual statistics available.

Varsity Softball
by Marci Simonini

Sophomore Shayla Haynes (#15) rises after being called safe at home during a game at North.

Sophomore Amanda Camp (#26) takes her cuts during a home game against Roosevelt.



photo by Matt Buckley



photo by Matt Buckley

J.V. takes their cuts for experience

This year's j.v. softball team was coached by Maria Mikuska. Mikuska said, "This year's j.v. team is very young and has a lot of potential. They are a very strong team."

Several players took turns playing j.v. and varsity, including pitchers freshman Tammy Leitch and sophomore Melissa Priest. Infielders Lisa Bentley, Delaine Burken, and outfielder Kathi Buckley also played for the varsity team.

Some of this year's leaders were sophomores Bentley, Buckley and

Burken. The team was also led by juniors Emily Minnis and Jodi Long.

Practice started on May 10 and the Huskies had their first game against Roosevelt on June 1. Then they played in the Urbandale Invitational on June 3. They won all three of these early season games. At press time, a record of scores was unavailable.

Sophomore Amanda Jones said, "We played well as a team and also tried to have fun while we played."

(Editor's note: The j.v. team members are pictured in the varsity team picture.)

Sophomore Kathi Buckley (#12) leads off of first base during a game at North.



photo by Matt Buckley

Sophomore Missy Priest (#3) throws a pitch during a home game against Roosevelt.



photo by Matt Buckley



photo by Matt Buckley

Freshman Amanda Bolte (#29) stops a pitch during an away game at Roosevelt.

Freshmen Abbey Williams (#35) and Karen Lueder (#33) are ready during a game against North.



photo by Matt Buckley

Frosh gain experience and sportsmanship

This year's freshmen softball team consisted of 12 freshmen plus three incoming freshmen. Jillea Monroe coached for her second year. Monroe said, "With the help of some eighth-graders filling in holes left by freshmen playing j.v. and varsity, the freshmen softball team should play close with every team in the conference."

Some of the goals for this year's team was to gain experience and learn good fundamentals. Freshman Amie Hedrick said, "We hope the season gives us some good experience that we can use next year."

Several freshman from the team

advanced to start at the varsity level. Varsity third baseman Anne Lawrie, shortstop Katie Gross, and pitcher Tammy Leitch were all both off the freshman squad.

The freshmen team started off the season with rain delays against Roosevelt and Ankeny, and a doubleheader loss to S.E. Polk on June 6. On June 8, the Huskies suffered another rain out at Dowling. A complete record of scores was unavailable at press time.

Freshman Amber Gappa said, "We not only want to win this season, but we want to be a respectable team and have good sportsmanship."



photo by Matt Buckley



photo by Mullica

Freshmen pitcher Kim Peddycoart (#39) and shortstop Dana Swanson (#22) play defense during a home game against North.

Freshmen softball team: front - Maggie Beavers, Abbey Williams, Amanda Bolte, Amie Hedrick, Amber Gappa; middle - Kim Peddycoart, Amber Wessing, Tammy Leitch, Katie Gross, Tara Taylor, coach Jillea Monroe; back - Dana Swanson, Mellisa Mallette, Karen Lueder, Amy Petersen, Ann Lawrie.

Freshman Softball
by Dena Shoemaker

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Hoover Huskies' mascot Shannon Murray helps the cheerleaders rally the fans.



photo by Mike Duong

Junior Tiffany Walker does the splits during the dance, "Escape to Music."



photo by Mike Duong

Squad shows school spirit

"Overall, I think we had an excellent cheerleading season. The combination of a winning football team, an active sponsor, and a talented and versatile squad, allowed us to do some new things that were really successful and a lot of fun," senior Tiffany Sheeder, co-captain of the varsity football squad, said of this year's squad.

The varsity squad kept busy during football season. Besides cheering at the games and pep assemblies, they also performed in the Beaverville Fall Festival parade on Aug.

17, painted signs and posters, and sold paw print tattoos.

During the week of Homecoming, the squad showed their school spirit. They entered the sidewalk painting contest and attended the car rally. They also danced to "Escape to Music" at the assembly.

Senior co-captain Tara Deering said, "I feel that our squad worked well together and accomplished a lot, considering we had some new cheerleaders and some that were on different squads in the past. They did a great job."

The varsity football squad, front row--Ayesha Abdullah, Tiffany Walker, Pia Hawkins, Jessica Harding; second row--Shawntelle Madison, Tiffany Sheeder, Tara Deering, Danielle Marit; back row--Mary Canady, Amy Martin, Jessica Wessing, Cassie Murphy.



photo by Mullica

Cheerleaders form a pyramid at the last home football game on Oct. 28 against North.



photo by Mike Duong



photo by Marci Simonini

Freshmen Kourtney Horner and Lee Gannon do the Husky bark at the Ankeny game on Oct. 27.



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The sophomore squad, front row-- Shayla Haynes, Katie Bierma, Tiffany Camus; back row-- Geneva Moore, Kathi Buckley, Courtney McCormick.



photo by Mullica

The freshmen squad, front row-- Lee Gannon, Kourtney Horner; back row-- Stephanie Miner, Elizabeth Soike, Lori Henderson, Emily Doro.

Cheerleaders rally football fans

The sophomore and freshmen football cheerleaders stayed active throughout football season. From creating posters to leading the fans and rallying the team with their cheers, both squads promoted school spirit.

"Our squad had a lot of fun this year; but, more importantly, we did a good job," said sophomore captain Katie Bierma.

Sophomore Kathi Buckley said, "We worked well together as a squad because we were all friends outside of cheerleading."

Kourtney Horner, captain of the freshmen squad, said, "I think that we did a good job for our first year cheering. We worked hard and it paid off."

Freshman Emily Doro said, "Cheerleading was a great experience. It was so much fun, even on the days the team didn't win."

Cheerleading sponsor Debbie Stetson said that all the football cheerleaders had a fantastic season. She said, "They were all very talented and a great group of girls to work with."



photo by Marci Simonini



photo by Marci Simonini

Sophomore Katie Bierma leads the cheerleaders in a chant for the fans at the North game on Oct. 28 at Hoover.

Sophomore Shayla Haynes cheers on the sophomore football team at the game against North on Oct. 28.

Underclassmen Football Cheerleaders
by Marci Simonini

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Seniors Mandee Graham, Darci Hoffman and Megan Tomlin do the "Husky Bark" at the Feb. 10 Pep Assembly.

Juniors Katie McGrath, Veronica Brown and senior Meggan Christensen cheer on the girls at the Jan. 24 game against Roosevelt.



photo by Erica Swanson



photo by Kathi Buckle

Twice the Cheer, Twice the Fun

Nobody said it would be easy, yet balancing a dozen girls' schedules turned out to be even harder than expected. It was, said senior co-captain Mandee Graham, "...a challenge to organize meetings," since, for the first time, Hoover had two varsity basketball cheerleading squads.

Alternating between the girls' and boys' games, the two squads worked together to spread the Husky cheer. Juggling hectic schedules called for early morning practices to prepare the cheerleaders for their dance perfor-

mances. Their dances were performed for the student body on Dec. 13, Jan. 23 and at the Spring Assembly on March 31.

In December the squads also sponsored the first Hoover Pups, a cheerleading clinic for area grade-school girls. Feb. 23 was the night of the traditional Senior Recognition Night; sponsor Debbie Stetson said, "It was fantastic!"

Senior Amy Glas, with help from the senior class, yells for V-I-C-T-O-R-Y at the Feb. 10 Pep Assembly.

Front row - senior Huang Do, junior Caron Slater; middle row - senior Megan Tomlin; back row - juniors Melissa Christ, Stephanie Roskamp, senior Darci Hoffman.



photo by Mullica

Front row - juniors Veronica Brown, Amy Lee, senior Meggan Christensen; back row - seniors Amy Glas, Mandee Graham, junior Katie McGrath.



photo by Mullica



photo by Erica Swanson



photo by Kathi Buckley

Freshmen Abbey Williams, Melissa Christie, Aimee Ramsey and Kristin Johnson practice their cheers.



photo by Mullica

Sophomore cheerleaders: front row - Allison Musser, Erica Hanlon, Tara Smith; back row - Theresa Hedrick, Megan Mogensen, Nga Lam.



photo by Mullica

Freshman cheerleading squad, front row -- Melissa Christie, Aimee Ramsey, Kristen Johnson, Abbey Williams; back row -- Kristen Bray, AnnMarie Hansen.



photo by Kathi Buckley

Leadership unites divided squad

Led by their captain, sophomore Tara Smith, the sophomore basketball cheerleading squad spent the season in preparation for their dance performances.

The girls' hard work paid off when they were given the opportunity to perform for an audience at the halftimes of both the sophomore and the girls' varsity games. During the regular season, though, the squad was not able to perform together. Because the sophomore boys and girls play at the same time, one team at home and the other away, the squad was forced to split into two squads of three.

Unlike the sophomores, the freshman squad was able to cheer

together at all games. However, they were limited to cheering only at home games.

Captain Melissa Christie said, "I think the squad might have missed out on going to away games. We could have gotten a little more experience dealing with different crowds."

Sponsor Debbie Stetson said that one of the season's highlights was the pizza party at the end of the season when she presented the girls with their participation awards. Stetson said the "excellent leadership by Tara Smith and Melissa Christie" helped to make the season a success and that she is "very proud of the effort by these girls."

"I'm very proud of the effort by these girls."

-- cheerleading sponsor Debbie Stetson

Sophomore cheerleaders Tara Smith and Erica Hanlon perform a cheer at the Jan. 27 game against Southeast Polk.

Freshman/Sophomore Basketball Cheerleaders
by Erica Swanson

Junior wrestling cheerleaders Jodi Solberg, Holly Feickert, and Sally Allan respond in shock as junior Joe Lamb is pinned at state.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

Hoover's wrestling cheerleaders cheer on a wrestler at a Hoover meet.



photo by Taylor Newman

Varsity squad cheers at state

Of course the first thing you see when you walk into a wrestling meet would be the wrestlers. But let's not forget about the cheerleaders who cheer those wrestlers on.

The wrestling cheerleaders were selected through the same series of tryouts that picked the basketball and football cheerleaders.

Shoemaker said, "This year went really well; we had a lot of fun and got along. We were really involved with the team,

and very busy cheering for J.V. and varsity."

The team cheered at many of the meets, rooting on both the varsity and junior varsity wrestlers. On Thurs, Feb. 23, the cheerleaders, along with junior Joe Lamb, went to Veterans Auditorium for the State wrestling tournament.

Solberg said, "Cheering at the State tournament was very exciting and a lot of fun. It was great being able to be there to cheer for and support Joe."

Varsity wrestling cheerleaders: front - Marci Simonini, Andrea Boyd, Jodi Solberg; back - Dena Shoemaker, Sally Allan, Holly Feickert.



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Junior Sally Allan, senior Andrea Boyd, and juniors Dena Shoemaker and Marci Simonini cheer on junior Joe Lamb at State.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



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Senior Andrea Ludwick does a toe touch jump during the dance to "Jump, Jump" at the pep assembly on Dec. 9.

The Drill Team performs "Here Comes the Hotstepper" during the varsity boys' basketball game against East on Jan. 6.



photo by Mande Graham

Drill team pumps up school spirit

Drill Team is new to Hoover this year. The purpose of Drill Team is to entertain the crowd and get them hyped for the game, according to senior co-captain Andrea Ludwick.

The Drill Team consisted of 15 members and was sponsored by social studies/language arts teacher Mary Ann Spicer. They performed at three football games, five basketball games, and a few of the pep assemblies. Three dances were performed: "Hot Potato", "Tootsie Roll", and "Jump, Jump".

The Drill Team also performed for the community. They were in

the Beaverville parade, the West Des Moines Fourth of July parade, and the Grand Prix parade. Most of the dances were choreographed by members of the Drill Team.

Senior Amanda Sposeto and Ludwick were chosen for the All-Iowa Drill Team, which performed at the class 2A and 3A girls' championship basketball games at Vets' Auditorium on March 11.

The second half of the year the team became coed. The male dancers were added to get the crowd more excited, Sposeto said.



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Mullica

Drill Team members: front - Niema Nichols, Jennifer Merrit, Susan Conely; second row - Amanda Sposeto, Shayla Haynes, Andrea Ludwick; third row - Heather Mallette, Charlene Meyer, Sarah Ellis, Colleen Kelly; back - Lulu Walley, Amy Stolki, Kristina Boswell.

Sophomore Kristina Boswell performs for the crowd at the pep assembly on Dec. 9; senior Amanda Sposeto performs in the background.

Drill Team
by Tara Rossow



If you read enough yearbook manuals and listen to enough suggestions from teachers and students, you'll eventually gleam from them the first rule of yearbook. While the wording varies from time to time and from place to place, the rule states that no matter how much copy you write, and no matter how appealing your headlines are, the most important thing to getting people to look at the book is to have the pictures of everyone.

Conveniently, this follows along with one of the golden rules of education. Many a grade school has a sign that says something very significant, something that every teacher and student should realize about the educational process. It says that students aren't there for the teachers, but that the teachers are there for the students. Almost as a corollary to the primary rule of yearbooks, the entire point of a school is to provide education to its members. Obviously, then, the most important members of a school are the students.

Class pages may seem tedious, trite, or boring, but they are necessary. It's often very true that some members of a class are more active than others, that some will obviously be the best at sports, others particularly brilliant, and so on and so forth with all sorts of different talents. But in a class and a world in which we often seem to break ourselves down by lines not only in race and sex, but by social group, by activity, and by popularity, it is important to have a display of unity. The class pages show an entire class, from the jocks to the brains, from the focused to the lackadaisical, and from the As to the Zs. Unlike any other place in the book, the class pages are all-inclusive. In being all-inclusive, the class pages are perhaps the fairest and most interesting part of the book.

In five years, or perhaps ten or twenty years, it will be time again to remember the days of high school; maybe for a class reunion, maybe to satisfy some nagging curiosity, maybe simply for fun. Chances are, yearbook readers, that what you'll turn are these pages that follow. It's here where you'll find the name and face of that kid the sitting in the back row of the chemistry class, here where you'll find the name of that math that you loved so much. It's here where you'll both see old friends and remember past acquaintances. It's in the pictures where a yearbook has its appeal; pictures of events and places have their places, to be sure, but in the long run what counts are the pictures of people. That's the job of these class pages, and while rows of five by seven pica black-and-white photos may not be the flashiest part of the yearbook, it may well be the most important.



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Junior Jolyon Thomas and sophomore Jai Brommel show off their hair for Crazy Hair day during Homecoming spirit week.



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Junior Joe Lamb and freshman Katie Gross participate in the relay races in the March 31 Student of all Seasons assembly.

Senior Charles Walker studies in the student center to prove he is not falling victim of senioritis.

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Juniors
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by Mande Graham and Matt Buckley

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NGUYEN'S BACKGROUND BRINGS INTERESTING TWIST TO CLASSROOM

Vinh Nguyen was born and grew up in Saigon, South Vietnam. He escaped from a troubled Vietnam in late 1981 and came to the United States in 1983. New to Hoover High School this year, Nguyen teaches several math classes.

He said, "There are many differences between Vietnam and America; I would say that (America and Vietnam) are just like night and day. I had to learn many things, from language to customs. (Don't forget, I'm still learning!) Language is the most difficult thing for me since Vietnamese is a monotone language. So far, I am in love with this country; there are many things you can do and learn. It's a great land of opportunities."

His most vivid childhood memory was beating all the girls in his neighborhood in hopscotch. In

high school, his status as smallest guy in the whole class was memorable to him. Nguyen used to speak French fluently, and can still read and write the language a little. However, he hasn't practiced it for 15 years. In his spare time, he likes watching football and basketball.

Nguyen teaches math classes ranging from basic math to Algebra II from his classroom in Room 215. Nguyen said, "I loved mathematics and chemistry since I was in junior high. I also like to work with people; that's why I chose this profession. (I did take a big risk to choose teaching because it's not an easy thing to explain some concepts to someone else since I have to do it in a second language.) It is a real treat for me to be at Hoover. I like the staff and students."



Bert Adams, *Athletic Director*
Joan Adams, *M.M.D. Assoc.*
Laura Ahrendt, *Journalism*
Kent Babcock, *ISS*
Ann Backstrom, *Science Assoc.*
Steve Ballou, *Psychologist*
Grant Barber, *Noon-hour Assoc.*
Phil Carlson, *History*



Dennis Cumpston, *Dean*
Richard Doughan, *Counselor*
Beth Eilers, *Foreign Language*
John Eller, *Language Arts*
Barb Faidley, *Social Worker*
Suzanne Farrell, *Attender Clerk*
Aleda Gaar, *Cashier*
Chris Gammell, *Family Sciences*



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Ann Hughey, *Special Education*
Francine Jackman, *Registrar*
Robert Jankovitz, *Counselor*



Barb Jaminson, *Mathematics*
Kirk Johnson, *Language Arts*
Patricia Johnston, *Secretary*
Pat Kearney, *Band*
Madeleine Kelly, *Lang. Arts*
Chris Knee, *Industrial Tech*
Steve Koch, *Social Science*
Linda Kuiken, *Physics*



Vinh Nguyen teaches his Algebra II class.

Social studies teacher Kent Babcock talks with lunchroom assistant Vonne Noah.



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Pat Lawler, Accounting/Bus.
Jerry Leventhal, Language Arts
Dave Linder, Physical Ed.
Janie Losee, Health Assoc.
Tom Ludwig, Science
Steve Lundholm, Phys Ed
Betty Mathers, Art
William McCollaugh, Principal

Vaughn McElvain, Study Hall
Virginia Mortenson, SWS
Don Murphy, Chemistry
Leonard Mussell, Horizons
Vinh Nguyen, Mathematics
Vonne Noah, Noon-hour Assoc
Janiece Ochoa, ESL
Beth Owens, Mathematics

Rich Parker, Social Science
Donald Perschau, Science
Ron Peterson, Physical Ed.
Pam Pilcher, Librarian
Bette Prey, English
Dennis Ramsey, Vice Principal
Charlotte Rembolt, Nurse
DawnDa Roney, Mathematics

Emily Sawyer, Counselor Clerk
Tom Sharatt, ROTC
Veronica Simms, Counselor
Mary Slater, Foreign Lang.
Carrie Snyder, Work Exp.
Mary Ann Spicer, Lang. Arts
Debbie Stetson, Physical Ed.
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Carolyn Thune, Mathematics
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 Lee Wahlert, *ROTC*
 Erdyne Whiteside, *BD Assoc.*
 Carol Wienecker, *Special Ed*
 Bob Wilkerson, *Art*
 Nancy Winebrenner, *IMMC*
 Miriam Woods, *Science*
 Judy Deutch, *Visually Impaired*



Not Pictured

Barbara Bell, *Custodian*
 John Beyer, *Custodian*
 Anthony Castelline, *Custodian*
 Charles Clark, *Custodian*
 David Conrad, *Orchestra*
 Ed Crutcher, *Custodian*
 Kenneth Gordon, *Custodian*
 Cindy Grandquist, *M.M.D. Assoc.*
 Carl Holt, *Custodian*
 Cousonh Khamtanh, *Custodian*

Georgia Kullish, *Cafeteria Manager*
 Maurice LaMay, *Building Manager*
 Jevvy Lewis, *Custodian*
 Cathy Mataya, *Custodian*
 Joan Mickle, *MMD Assoc.*
 Darnell Robertson, *Hall Monitor*
 Bob Sandquist, *Learning Center*
 Dana Wester, *Foreign Lang.*
 John Williams, *Custodian*

Beth Owens checks her students' papers.



photo by Megan Carrico

Science teacher Miriam Woods helps freshman Charles Bradley with his project.



photo by Megan Carrico

SURVEY SAID...

What made you decide to teach your subject?

"I thought about teaching Latin or Math but chose English because of the strong connection with humanity."

-- Bette Prey, English

"I am daily impressed with the intricacy but simplicity of life around all of us. I appreciate the opportunity to delineate the topic of Life for today's Hoover students."

-- Tom Ludwig, Science

"I was influenced by my high school coach, Ray Pugh."

-- Steve Lundholm, Phys. Ed

"My economics teacher, he just seemed to love his job and he made it fun!"

-- Tim Pezzetti, social science

"I've always participated in sports and enjoyed watching sports on T.V."

-- Debbie Stetson, Phys. Ed

"I've always loved literature and writing. I spent hours each day doing both. I also loved the psychology inherent in both subjects."

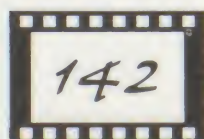
-- Madeleine Kelly, English

"My high school biology teacher inspired me."

-- Don Perschau, Science



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Faculty

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Nine new teachers bring their excellence and skills

There were nine new teachers at Hoover this year. Beth Eilers and Dana Wester are the new foreign language teachers. Vinh Nguyen and DawnDa Roney are the new math teachers. Tam Ho and Darnell Robertson are the new hall monitors. Dennis Cumpston is the new Dean of Students, Rod Hoegh is the new science teacher, and Liz Teufel is the new part-time family and consumer teacher.

Eilers majored in French and taught at a junior college in Kansas City before coming to Hoover. She said that she was interested in foreign languages because she en-

joys learning about different cultures and life-styles.

Wester majored in Spanish and ESL and taught at Waterloo West and Dallas Center Grimes before coming here. Roney majored in math and taught in California.

Cumpston acts as a third vice-principal. Prior to Hoover he coached boys' track and taught math at North. Hoegh majored in zoology and is our new girls' basketball coach. Teufel majored in Related Art and Education at the University of Iowa. She has worked for the Des Moines Public Schools for 19 years.



photo by Angie Bogle

New teachers, front row - Dana Wester, Liz Teufel, Beth Eilers, Tam Ho, DawnDa Roney; back row - Vinh Nguyen, Dennis Cumpston, Darnell Robertson, Rod Hoegh.

SURVEY SAID...

What was your most memorable moment in high school?

"Leading the procession at graduation into Vets Auditorium. It was very exciting."

-- Bette Prey, English

"Hearing about President Kennedy's shooting when I was in Geometry class, being in the plays, playing football, singing in the choir, and 'social life.'"

-- Don Perschau, Science

"Meeting my present wife."

-- Steve Lundholm, Phys Ed

"Seeing my stage name, Wild Man Brainiac, on the school marquee."

-- John Eller, English

"Playing football in the UNI-Dome, receiving two scholarships, and starting a food fight my senior year."

-- Tim Pezzetti, Social Science

"Having Mr. Linder as my swim coach, being voted female athlete of the year my senior year, being in all the activities -- diving, tennis, cheerleading -- pep assemblies every home game and mixers after every home game."

-- Debbie Stetson, Phys Ed

"Getting out of classes frequently to sing at public performances with a group called 'Double Mix Plus Two.'"

-- Russ Vanderhoef, English

"Being in plays; on stage. I loved anything to do with theatre, on stage or off stage."

-- Madeleine Kelly, English

"Boycotting the terrible, school-produced macaroni and cheese."

-- Beth Eilers, Foreign Lang.

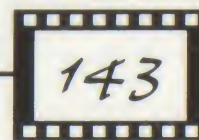


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Science teacher Don Perschau gives his class an overview of the day's topic.

Social science teacher Tim Pezzetti takes attendance for his American History class.

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MAKING CHANGES FOR A NEW LIFE AT HOOVER

As students and teachers walked the halls of Hoover High, there was a new group of faces. Freshmen. Three hundred twenty-two members strong, the freshman class wandered around, new and confused, trying to adjust to the high school scene.

Many freshmen entered high school with anxiety about a new building, new teachers and many different people, especially the upperclassmen. Because of the rumors of upperclassmen picking

on freshmen and "freshmen treatment," some said they worried about how they were going to be treated by them. But most of the newcomers found that the rumors were not true.

"I didn't think the upperclassmen were as mean as I heard they would be," Aimee Ramsey said.

They discovered that there are many changes and transitions from middle school to high school. Many said they felt that in high school, teachers and administra-

tors treated them with more respect and responsibility.

"It's better than middle school because they don't treat us like babies and they give us more freedom," said Kristen Johnson.

By getting involved in sports and other activities, some freshmen thought participation had made their first year more interesting.

Abbie Williams said, "It's not so boring because there are more activities and choices."



Richard Aidair
Arturo Aguayo
Juan Aguilar
Latonya Allen
Lauran Anderson
Naomi Anderson
Nick Anderson
Sarah Anderson

Joshua Andrews
Monica Ayala
Luke Bailiff
Ryan Baldwin
Michael Bales
Levi Ballard
Andrew Bash
Brenda Bass

Steven Bauer
Maggie Beavers
Christopher Bengtson
Traci Bengtson
Jenny Bennett
Amanda Bolte
Amanda Bosch
Ryan Braaksma

Charles Bradley
Kristin Bray
Laura Breeher
Jeremiah Breeze
Thomas Briggs
Jacob Brott
Tiffany Brown
Duriel Browne

Anthony Brundage
David Buckley
Jennifer Buckroyd
Christina Burner
Talia Burnett
Erik Butler
Amanda Butts
Abbie Campbell





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Jennifer Howe and Miriam Woods share the wonders of science in third period earth science class.

Ann Marie Hansen, Ann Lawrie, Dana Swanson and Clifford Hobbs get their first chance to join in the victory cry at the homecoming assembly on Oct. 7.



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Jilliayne Camps
Holly Canine
Chau Cao
William Caraway
Sara Carlson
Justin Carter
Tareka Carter
Eboniece Cason

Sia Cason
Jennifer Cassidy
Kristi Caudle
Taeng Chanthaphon
Kevin Chenoweth
Melissa Christie
Robert Cinnamon
Kimberly Clark

Rob Clark
Robery Cochran
Deven Cole
Candy Coleman
Darla Collier
Keith Collier
Joelle Coons
Dusti Cooper

Oscar Corea
Adam Crabb
Jennifer Crandell
Nathaniel Curl
Laval Daniels
Jason Danielson
Jose Davalos
Theresa Dille

Jeremy Dingman
Lance Dixon
Emily Doro
Gene Dow
Don Drake
Elisabeth Dusenbery
Rina Eckard
Adam Emerson

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Isaac Emerson
Tarrah Erwin
Damion Erwin
Andrew Farley
Jennifer Fath
Alexis Faust
Nathan Ferguson
Juan Figueroa

Steven Flagg
Matilde Flores
Michael Fonken
Jennifer Foote
Lucy Ford
Brian Foster
Justin Frazier
Tiffany Frazier

Jeffery Frost
Alfonso Gama
Lee Gannon
Marc Gannon
Amber Gappa
Christine Gettys
Ronald Gochett
Yancey Granillo

Kristopher Greenlee
Neysa Greer
Mandi Gremmer
Justin Griffith
Amanda Griffith
Jennifer Griffith
Mary Grimaldi
Katherine Gross

Nichole Haeckel
Charel Hall
Ann Marie Hansen
Bridget Harris
Jessica Harris
John Harris
Amie Hedrick
Brian Heiden



You SAID ...

What do you think of upperclassmen?

"Some of the upperclassmen are nice, but others show off and think they can pick on us just because they are older."

--*Jennifer Crandell*

"They're stuck up and they use big words that you don't know."

--*Jimon Spivey*

"If you leave them alone they'll leave you alone."

--*Grant Noah*

"They're cool."

--*Sampson Neeley*

"The upperclassmen are very nice people."

--*Andrew Fetters*

"Evil."

--*Laval Daniels*

"They are older and they know what is going on. They have more knowledge."

--*Susan Jamison*

"Well, they should always give the younger ones a chance."

--*Jessica Harris*

"They're great!"

--*Jennifer Howe*

"They're o.k. most of the time. They don't bother freshmen like people say they do."

--*Jenny Fath*

"No problem. No change needed."

--*Andrew Rowland*





Jodi Helton
Lorianna Henderson
Nathaniel Herron
Winston Hiffins
Sarah Hinchliff
Clifford Hobbs
Joshua Hoffman
Tequila Holloway

Kourtney Horner
Donavon Howard
Jennifer Howe
Alexis Hunt
Latif Ikeljic
Mirnes Ikeljic
Nihad Ikeljic
Akil Jabar

Dezeree Jackson
Sue Jamison
Colin Johnson
Kristin Johnson
Jessica Jolly
Ann Jones
Bryce Jones
Michael Kelso

Cissy Kemp
Kathy Kemp
Treena Kimball
Elisha King
Eric Kinther
Alissa Knoell
Bradley Kreinbring
David Lam

Kristi Larson
James Larue
Anne Lawrie
My Le
Tran Le
Antonia Lechuga
Chue Lee
Tiaeesha Lee

Before class, Amie Hedrick and Sarah Anderson take time to chat in the hall.

Steven Bauer and Lauris Rostoks chill out in the students center during lunch hour while Jeremiah Breeze catches up on his last-minute homework.



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SURVEY SAID...

What do you think of being a freshman?

I LOVE IT! I WANT TO BE AN ETERNAL FRESHMAN!!

I LIKE IT. IT'S NOT AS BAD AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.

IT'S O.K.

I DON'T LIKE IT. "I CAN'T WAIT TILL I'M A SOPHOMORE."

I HATE IT. IT'S LIKE A BAD NIGHTMARE.

DON'T ASK.



Tamara Leitch
Alina Lindgren
Karen Lueder
Ky Luong
Andrew Maahs
Eli Mannion
Latasha Matlock
Tiffany May



Jenifer McCauley
Timothy McCoy
Spencer McGinnis
Adam McNeeley
Cory McVey
Rory Medford
Mary Mefford
Michael Mefford



Francis Melton
Elizabeth Miller
Michael Miller
Nicholas Miller
Stephanie Miner
Benjamin Minnis
Nichole Molln
Abraham Montes



Christopher Moore
Mikel Morris
David Murphy
David Nadler
Joseph Nagle
Sam Neeley
Amanda Neff
Kelly Nelson



David Newman
Tuyen Nguyen
Tuyet Nguyen
Grant Noah
Tiffany Oakley
Tyson Olson
Jahron Parker
Carlos Parra





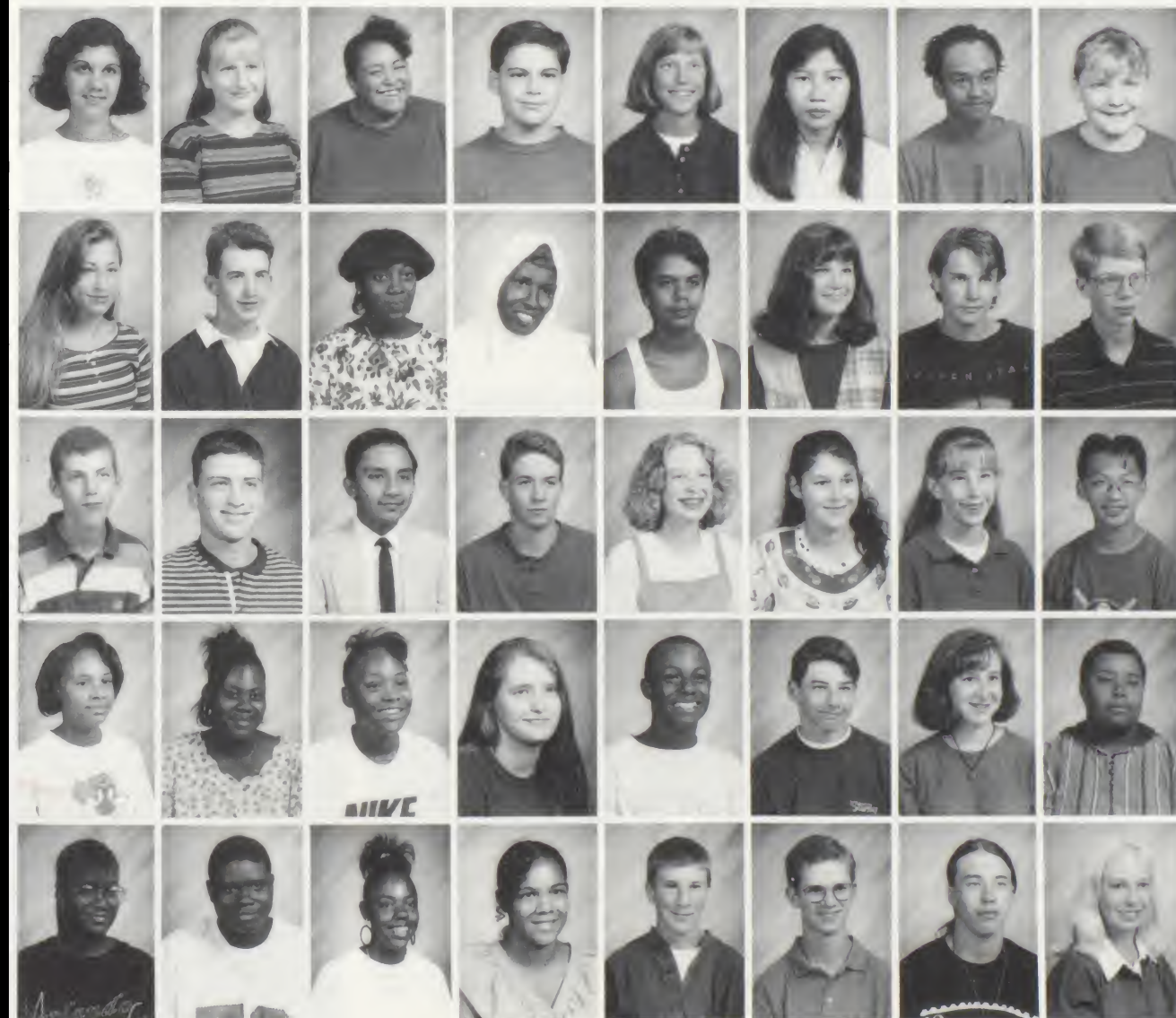
Tara Taylor, Sarah Hinchcliff and Ann Lawrie set off toward seventh hour French class.



At the locker, Abbey Williams and Amanda Bolte reach for their books to prepare for the next class.

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Christina Patramanis
Kimberly Peddycoat
Karla Perez
Richard Peters
Amy Petersen
Huyen Pham
Chone Phiathep
Kylie Proctor

Aimee Ramsey
Jeremy Ritter
Sara Robertson
Zahra Roble
Octavio Rocha
Amanda Roed
Lauris Rostoks
Andrew Rowland

Benjamin Ruby
David Rude
Israel Ruiz
Nicholas Rundlett
Angela Sampson
Karina Sanchez
Dawn Schipman
Michael Schulz

La Niece Scott
Latoshia Scott
Tynieka Scott
Heather Signs
Shawn Simon
Nick Simonini
Lisa Simpson
Will Sims

Crystal Smith
Quintin Smith
Resha Smith
Shannon Smith
Christopher Snowbarger
Philip Snyder
Joshua Sodergren
Elizabeth Soike

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Justin Song
Dameatra Speirs
Jemon Spivey
Colby Springer
Harry Stanley
Nickalaus Stecker
Amber Stevens
Angela Steward



Holly Stilwell
Issa Suleiman
Suleyman Suleiman
Shawn Sundell
Dana Swanson
Tara Taylor
Colleen Thompson
Frank Thorne



Jason Tidwell
Jason Tomlinson
Lisa Trammel
Toan Tran
Rex Tredway
My Trinh
Jason Trogdon
Tiano Turner



Martha Valdez
Travis Valley
Patricia Van Zee
Tony Vang
Ricardo Vargas
James Vigon
Angela Walker
Harmony Walker



Peaches Weber
Terrence Welton
Amber Wessing
Curtis Wheeler
Keshea Whiteside
Andrew Whitten
Derek Wilcox
Abbey Williams



YOU SAID ...

What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

"Just be yourself."

--Tiffany Frazier

"Get involved in as many activities as you can; you'll meet a lot of people there."

--Alissa Knoell

"Have fun and stay away from mean seniors."--Kristin Johnson

"Ain't no thing."

-- Lee Gannon

"Don't tell people you are a freshman." --Isaac Emerson

"If you get asked if you've had freshmen treatment, say 'yes'."

--Steven Whitney

"Stay out of trouble and don't let your upperclassmen rule you around or tell you what to do just because they are bigger than you."

--Ron Bochetti

"Just act mature."--Lucy Ford

"Just have a good and positive attitude about school. DON'T ASK UPPERCLASSMEN WHERE ANYTHING IS!"

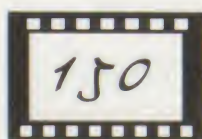
--Joelle Coons

"Be smart; be drug free."

--Shawn Sundell

"Always be prepared."

--Jessica Harris



Freshmen
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Sarah Wilson
Matthew Woods

Not Pictured

Yecenia Aguayo	Miguel Guern	Rachel Perez
Ali Ali	Harold Hall	Alma Pulido
Adam Argo	Marquis Hall	Scott Rodgers
Emily Carrigan	Benjamin Harris	Javier Rodriguez
Chris Christopher	Marion Harris	Jay Rothmeyer
Peter Coleman	Dana Heles	Leonardo Sanchez
Anna Cozad	Freeland Jackson	Desiree Sapp
Jerry Danillson	Nakesha Johnson	Bryan Simpson
Louis Davis	Amira Karabecovic	Mohamed Sulieman
Kimberly Dewitt	Misail Martinez	Charles Sutton
Nick Dings	Evangela Matlock	Steven Whitney
Andrew Feters	Gloria Mayorga	Mary Wood
Gena Gardner	Khoi Ngo	
Shamona Gladney	Gilberto Nieto	



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Amie Hedrick and Justin Song listen in on neighboring voices during lunch hour in the cafeteria.

Dana Heles, Kristi Larson and Grant Noah concentrate on learning a little "Espanol" in Beth Eiler's third hour Spanish class.

Stephanie Miner and Emily Dorro work on their stunts at a Monday night cheerleading practice.

Sophomores feel the pressure

High school students face many pressures every day. Decisions about life have to be made every day, and a tough one to be made is whether or not to drink alcohol. Students may feel the pressure from their peers to go out to parties and get drunk. Some may drink just to have fun, and others may choose not to drink at all.

Many sophomores at Hoover have different opinions on drinking. Of the sophomores surveyed, 53 percent said that they never drink. Twenty-one percent said they only drink once a month. Sev-

enteen percent of the students said they drink every weekend, and nine percent of sophomores surveyed said they drink two or more times per week.

When asked about the pressures of drinking, Dana Heles said, "During the week I get really bored and when the weekend comes around I like to wind down with my cervezas."

Another sophomore said, "I don't drink all the time. It's just fun to do on occasion and socially at parties. The fact that it makes me feel good plays a role,

but it's not something to get hooked on."

Sophomore Tom Stehl said, "I don't because my friends don't, but if I hung out with people who did, I would too."

However, there are other sophomores out there that don't feel pressured to drink.

April Taylor said, "I can think of better things to do than drink."

Katie Bierma said, "Drinking is something that is hard to get away from in high school, but I don't feel like I have to drink to have fun."



Alex Albright
Robert Allison
Mike Amos
Matthew Anderson
John Audlehelm
Armida Avila
Jacob Bailiff
Brian Bainbridge



Praveen Bannikatti
Michelle Barger
Charles Baumert
Jamieson Beard
Kari Behn
Lisa Bentley
Thomas Berger
Colleen Bergman



Andrew Bickel
Kathryn Bierma
James Birkett
Eric Boesen
Peter Bognanni
Sarah Bolie
Kristina Boswell
Terri Bradley



Matthew Broich
Jason Brommel
Kendra Brown
Nicole Brown
Susan Brueklender
Katherine Buckley
Neytonna Burgs
April Burkard



Delaine Burken
Bradford Burner
Jose Camacho
Luis Camacho
Craig Cameron
Jessica Cameron
Amanda Camp
Tiffany Camus





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Sophomores Precious Carter, Dania Funk, Jessica Cameron, and Charlene Meyer blow up balloons for the Homecoming dance.

Sophomore Auralisa Johnson shows her spirit on "Crazy Hair Day."



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Todd Carber
Shannon Carstens
Benjamin Carter
Precious Carter
Lena Cavan
Rosario Chavarria
Kelly Christopher
Dana Clark

Crystal Claude
Shayne Cobine
Crystal Coleman
Aquariana Collier
Jessica Conrad
Rex Cooper
Casey Coppi
Anna Cozad

Justin Cunningham
Linh Dam
Dung Dang
Christopher Davis
Patrick DeLa Cruz
Kimberly Dewitt
Thai Do
Haris Domazet

Ryan Doughan
Ryan Dow
Erica Downs
Mersiha Draganovic
Mirsada Draganovic
Nicole Drake
Donald Duong
Daryll Dyer

Sarah Ellis
Michael Erickson
Rachel Erickson
Bridget Evans
Christopher Ewald
Rudell Farley
Jessica Foster
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Andrew Garles
Matthew Griffis
Cynthia Gronert
Teon Gunn
Julian Guthrie
Cedrick Hall
Harold Hall
Gretchen Halldin



Erica Hanlon
Magan Harris
Kristin Hayes
Shayla Haynes
Adam Heard
Justin Heard
Theresa Hedrick
Dana Heles



Michelle Herman
Maria Hill
Michelle Hill
Hung Ho
Khanh Ho
LeeAnn Hofferber
Phillip Holt
Brandi Hood



Mia Hopkins
Jeffery Hopp
Andrew Hotopp
Julia Huling
Chance Hulten
Erin Husmann
Alicia Hymel
Mirsad Ikeljic



Mirsada Ikeljic
Leonard Ilitsky
Donechanh Inthalangsy
Andrew Jackman
Yolanda Jackson
Auralisa Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Nicole Johnson



SURVEY SAID...

What do you know now that you wish you knew last year?

"If I knew I wouldn't like 10th grade I would have flunked 9th."

--Dawn Spiller

"I wish I knew that all the upperclassmen are not as mean as they seem. They are actually pretty cool."

--Alicia Hymel

"Life is an adventure in itself."

--Kristina Boswell

"I wish I knew that all the upperclassmen girls aren't as snotty as they were made out to be."

--Tim Rech

"To listen to people's advice when they give it to me, instead of ignoring it."

--LeeAnn Hofferber

"I didn't know last year that there is an enormous difference between T.A. and homeroom."

--Kathi Buckley

"I learned that you have to work harder now so it will be easier later and not to be lazy."

--Kelly Christopher

"I learned how to study and how to respect other people."

--Shayne Cobine

"Last year I wish that I knew how to get out of Mrs. Thune's class."

--Chance Hulten





Samantha Johnson
Scott Johnson
Amanda Jones
David Jones
Jeremy Jorgenson
David Juskelis
Kelly Karsten
Jonathan Kilts

Rommel Kizer
Amy Kneller
Kirsten Knox
Courtney Kramer
Ryan Kramer
Andrea Kueck
Kiet Lam
Nga Lam

Kristen Langstraat
Lindsay Lawson
Huyen Le
Jennifer LePera
Robert Levy
Aaron Lewis
Nicholas Lloyd
Angela Lockridge

Jeremy Long
Hai Lu
Adam Lueder
Aaron Lumley
Jonathan Lutz
Elizabeth Mace
Michele Mallette
Michael Mandt

Bryan Manning
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Candice Mason
Aisha Mayes
Gloria Mayorga
Jose Mayorga
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Roanna McDonald



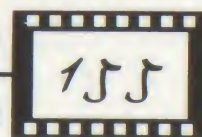
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Sophomores Stephany Wells and Anna Cozad discuss what they are taking in gym class.

Julia Hulling, LeeAnn Hofferber, Courtney McCormick, Lisa Bentley, Kristin Hayes, Anna Cozad, Katie Bierma, and Shayla Haynes cheer along with the sophomore section.

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Quiz: Predicting your future

1. What is the biggest difference between freshmen and sophomores?

- Sophomores avoid the cafeteria if at all possible.
- Sophomores have started growing peach fuzz.
- Freshmen are still looking for the third floor.
- Sophomores no longer spend passing period checking their hair in the bathroom.

2. What is your favorite method of transportation to and from social events?

- Wait until my parents are asleep and "borrow" their brand new car.
- My little brother's big wheel.
- My mom's grocery getter.
- Mooch a ride off an older friend.

3. What do you like the most about high school?

- I can chew gum in class without getting a detention.
- I don't have to wear my moon boots to go out to recess.
- I no longer have to raise my hand to get up from the lunch table.
- Moving up the dissecting scale from worms to pigs.

4. What has been your biggest thrill so far in high school?

- Actually getting a date with an upperclassman.
- Dodging eggs and bars of soap while tee-peeing the school.
- Country line dancing with Miss Stetson.
- Being promoted from freshman player to varsity water boy.

Scoring: a=4; b=3; c=2; d=1

16-13: You obviously think too highly of yourself. If you keep following this path you will find yourself in an eight foot cell sharing a toilet with a man named Butch.

12-8: You know how to have fun, but you also show your serious side. Out of the people in your class you will be one of the sophomores who will actually graduate in less than five years.

7-4: Loosen up a little bit and learn to have some fun. After all, these are supposed to be the best years of your life.



Charlene Meyer
Andre Miller
Cassandra Mitchell
Jessica Moeller
Megan Mogensen
Sarah Mohler
Geneva Moore
Rocio Mora



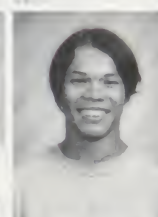
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Furaha Muganza
Mark Mullen Jr.
Allison Musser
Timothy Nehmer
Wendy Nevitt
Khoi Ngo
Hieu Nguyen



Kiem Nguyen
Nha Nguyen
Nhunh Nguyen
Xuan Nguyen
Gilberto Nieto
Rachel Oneill
Daniel Parker
Mireya Parra



Eugene Pedashov
Cody Peer
Hanh Pham
Loan Pham
Tien Pham
Nicholas Pisarik
Megan Pollock
Lonise Porter



Loren Porter
Tamera Potter
Melissa Priest
Toni Priester
Brian Rand
Timothy Rech
Jalaal Reed
Jameel Richardson





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Sophomores Matt Griffis, Phil Holt, Ryan Doughan, Chance Hulten, Scott Johnson, Jeremy Jorgenson, Kelly Christopher, Matt Johnson, Nick Lloyd, Tim Rech, and Aaron Lewis mope at a pep assembly.

Sophomores Chance Hulten and Jalaal Reed play basketball in gym class.



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Jose Rivera
Roda Roble
Javier Rodriguez
Jay Rothmeyer, Jr.
Christopher Roustio
Gloria Sanchez
Karla Sanchez
Destiny Schipman

Kristina Selander
Hannah Shadoan
Kristina Sheaffer
Bob Shearon
Azra Sikiric
Andrew Slotterback
Bryan Smajd
Keith Small

Corey Smith
Tara Smith
Alishia Smock
Adriana Soto
Dawn Spiller
Carrie Stackhouse
Sarah Stanley
Brad Steffen

Corey Steffen
Thomas Stehl
Chris Stelzer
Todd Strum
Mohamed Suleiman
Omar Suleiman
Charles Sutton
Den Ta

Heather Taff
Jonathon Talcott
April Taylor
Willie Taylor
Lori Thomas
Brian Tilton
Sara Tippins
Thanh Tran

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Tien Tran
Adam Troyer
Kendra Tuttle
Maria Valdez
Felix Vasquez
Marcos Vasquez
Brad Wallace
Eustace Ware



David Weier
Erica Welch
Christopher Wells
Stephany Wells
Tyson Wells
Christopher West
Tara Wheeler
Steven Whitney



Albrina Williams
Phillip Williams
Jeffrey Wilson
Wendy Wilson
Laura Winkler
Elisabeth Woody
Laura Zuniga



Not Pictured

Jesus Aguayo, Jr.
Carlos Alvarado
Lee Castillo
Kemen Dewitt
Tanya Duncan
Melissa Farrell
Larissa Gaines
Eric Johnson

Anathana Keutla
Alfredo Lopez
Thao Nguyen
Michael Ostreko
Carla Padilla
Charles Roberts
Veronica Salazar



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Sophomore Dana Heles takes a snack break between periods.



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Sophomores Nikki Johnson and Jennifer LePera lead the girls basketball team into a pep assembly.





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Sophomore Brian Rand, one of the many student hall monitors, does his homework.

What was your most memorable experience in Driver's Ed.?

"Mr. Kauzlarich grabbed my leg to get it off the gas pedal because he said I was going too fast and he used the brake on his side of the car."

--Dan Parker

"When Claire (student from Roosevelt) was driving for her first time ever, she cut off a metro bus, and almost hit a parked car on the other side of the road! It was a great rush."

--Nikki Johnson

"When I stole the answers to two tests and got 100 percent both times."

--Ryan Kramer

"When Jonna Knox said 'Oh my god, there's some other cars!' at an intersection."

--Amanda Jones

"When another student drove for the first time in her life she turned the car off -- thinking that the first thing to do was to turn the key -- and screamed 'What did I do?' "

--Kendra Brown

"When Claire (student from Roosevelt) asked Mr. Hollingsworth if she could run red lights and stop signs if there weren't any other cars coming."

--Theresa Hedrick

"When another student kept giving me whip lash every single time he would stop or park."

--Magan Harris

"Some girl didn't know how to drive and she always ran up onto the curb every time she drove until the sixth week. She had to pay for new tires and alignment at the end of the course."

--Scott Johnson

"Cheating on the chapter tests."

--Brandon Ganaway

"Mr. Kauzlarich grabbed the steering wheel and waved his hands in front of my face. I hated that. I always turned into the second lane and drove with my hands where they were comfortable so I got a 'D' for the first day when another student did a huge curb check and got a 'B' for the day."

--Lisa Johnson

"When we were driving around a curve on a highway by Saylorville some girl started driving on the other side of the road into oncoming traffic. I thought I was going to pee my pants."

--Nick Lloyd

Sophomore Amanda Jones takes a second to get a drink during the game against Roosevelt.

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STEVENS SADDLES UP HORSES

Although many people see junior Amanda Stevens everyday at school, few people realize how much time and dedication she puts into horseback riding.

Stevens has been around horses her whole life, she said, but didn't start riding seriously until she was ten. She competes in shows such as the Polk County Fair and the Jester Flying Arrow Show, during the summer. At the Polk County Fair she received two second places and one first.

The birth of Steven's current horse, Tara, was a very exciting time for her, she said, because it is the first horse that she has owned.

"I remember my grandma calling at 3 a.m. and telling me Tara had been born. I was so thrilled!," Stevens said.

She also talked about another memorable moment she had with Tara at a horse show. "I was waiting for

a friend who was doing the last show, when it began to rain. Tara started getting jumpy so I had to walk around with her in the rain for three hours!"

Horseback riding isn't all fun and games. Stevens said some of the hardest things about it are the expense, time commitment and competitions. She spends two and a half to three hours at the stable at least three times a week and more if she can get out there.

Stevens said she definitely wants to continue with horses in the future. She wants to be a trainer or possibly run a boarding stable, she said.

"Horseback riding is a big commitment but definitely worth it. You develop a good relationship with your horse so that he's almost like a person," Stevens said.



Ayesha Abdullah
Jason Albizures
Sally Allan
Brandi Allen
Dan Bach
Dan Bach
Kiet Bach
Aaron Bailey
Kyle Bailey
Jeff Bash
Lesley Belcher
Betsy Bellon
Adriene Blythe
Melissa Boatwright
Michele Bockert
Fernando Bojorques

Leilani Bollinger
Lela Braden
Jennifer Brandt
Sara Bray
Beau Brewton
Nicholas Brockman
Joshua Brott
Veronica Brown

Janet Buckley
Otis Buckner, Jr.
Elizabeth Burnquist
Megan Carrico
Jeanda Cavan
Bounchanh Chanthaphon
Wezi Chilongo
Melissa Christ

Gilbert Clay
Samora Clay
Cathy Claycomb
Courtney Coll
Susan Conley
Tim Coughenower
Timothy Crispin
Jossiel Cruz



Amanda Stevens takes a break from her practicing and poses for a picture with her horse Tara.



photo by Angela Neve

Stevens teaches Tara how to trot at Saddle Light Stable.



photo by Angela Neve



T'Komo Dabner
Katie Dann
Minh Dao
Sam Davis
Ryan Dawson
Rosalbe Delgado
Sisouphanh Deuanepenh
Kemen Dewit

Douglas Dinnauer
Cory Dolinsek
Michael Downing
Amber Duff
Christi Eiselstein
Chawanne Erwin
Sean Fabritz
Jennifer Farrell

Max Faust
Holly Feickert
Patrick Fergus
Sarah Ford
Jared Gilbert
Christina Gipple
Cedrick Goldman
Yilinia Gonzalez

Natasha Grant
Jason Green
Kari Greenlee
James Grimaldi
Cristy Grimm
Eric Groen
Tammy Grover
Jay Hall

Amy Hanlon
Carmen Hanson
Jessica Harding
Christina Harris
Eurock Harris
Katy Harris
Kristen Harris
Ricky Harris

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Pia Hawkins
Howard Heck
Shaneice Henderson
Kurt Hinkle
Dale Hlavacek
Nic Hoover
Travis Houser
Bryan Howe



Billy Howe
David Hoyer
Galina Ilnitsky
Michael Jackson
Monty Jamison
Ryan Johnson
Teleza Jones
Amira Karabegovic



Colene Kelley
Michael Kelly
Ricco Kemp
Tarik Kipper
Melissa Kirch
Heather Kirchner
Nathan Kirstein
Jona Knox



Thomas Kropp
Kristina Krunkenberg
Van Lam
Russell Lamar
Joesph Lamb
Kristin Lawrie
Hoa Le
Tri Le



Amy Lee
Elizabeth Lind
Jason Logan
Jodie Long
Dora Lopez
Scott Lorenzen
Monica Losee
Steven Lyon



YOU SAID...

Quotable

"Slow down! Things might get out of place and I could get breast cancer!" *Jennifer Merritt* referring to the bus's lack of shocks on the way to the Hoover vs. Indianola swim meet Oct. 11.

"I'd like to buy a vowel." *Joe Lamb's* way of getting an "A" on a chemistry test in Don Murphy's sixth hour class on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

"I wish I'd never been born."

Tim Sipma as George Bailey in the fall play, "It's a Wonderful Life", Dec. 2-4.

"You say that you like to say the word 'hamburger.'" *Brad Witke* attempting to explain how to use apostrophes in John Eller's fourth hour English class on Dec. 19.

"I spun on Tuesday." *Jaime Rossow* describing her experience driving on icy roads on Dec. 14.

"If that's Johnston, then why do their jackets have an 'I' on

Amy McDonald's question at the Hoover vs. Indianola varsity basketball game on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

"He probably can't reach the toilet paper because it's so high up." *Nate Kirstein's* suggestion for why Josh Brott was in the bathroom for most of Gerald Hollingsworth's third hour Spanish class on Jan. 6.

Quotes





Heather Mallette
Francis Martin
Martina Martin
Amy McDonald
Kathryn McGrath
Crystal McQuerry
Chad McVey
Jennifer Merritt

Michelle Metschke
Ruben Millan
Gregory Miller
John Miller, III
Emily Minnis
Ryan Mitchell
Saram Mok
Jeremiah Moore

Marlon Morales
Jeff Morlan
Cassie Murphy
Cindy Murra
Chad Murray
Aishda Nagel
Richa Nelson
Jennifer Nelson

Meredith Nentl
Angela Neve
Daniel Newman
Hanh Nguyen
Hoa Nguyen
Hung Nguyen
Mai Nguyen
Phuong Nguyen

Thao Nguyen
Tuyet Nguyen
Van Nguyen
Brice Nichols
Niema Nichols
Shay Noel
Lukasz Nosek
VJ Omundson



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Janet Buckley and Lela Braden have fun at lunch on Jan. 5.

Jodi Solberg and Sally Allan chat at the Homecoming dance on Oct. 9.

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SEEING DOUBLE

Many people have older siblings that they look up to and admire. Still others have younger brothers and sisters that are always tagging along. But there are four juniors -- Billy and Bryan Howe and Katy and Sarah Tyrrell -- that have siblings the same age; they are identical twins.

All four said that there were advantages to having a twin. Both Bryan and Billy said that by being a twin they always have someone their own age to do stuff with.

Sarah said, "When we were little, Katy and I were best friends."

Along with advantages though, there are also disadvantages. Bryan said, "I sometimes get sick of Billy and people asking about being a twin." Both Sarah and Billy said that they didn't like having to share their birthdays or being compared to their twin.

By having an identical sibling, they were

able to play jokes on people sometimes. Katy said, "One day in math class with Mr. Gay, I sat in Sarah's seat because she was absent. Mr. Gay thought I was Sarah and even sent my card in!" Bryan talked about when he and Billy switched classes in elementary school on April Fool's Day.

Although they look alike, they all said that they are different from their twin. Billy said, "I think we have different personalities. I'm more serious than Bryan and am more sensitive."

Sarah said, "Physically we are different. We have different hair, faces and style of dress. We also have different religious beliefs, morals and vocabulary."

They all said that having a twin is great but they want to be seen as individuals. Billy said, "When we were little, people tended to see us as Billy and Bryan, the twins. Now that we're getting older I think people are beginning to see us as different people."



Tara Patterson
Satira Peavy
Oleg Pedashov
David Peterson
Lieu Phan
Maniphone Phiathep
Steven Prentice
David Quinones



Elizabeth Raygoza-Aguayo
Tyler Reiling
Jeanell Rife
Paul Roberts
Farica Robertson
Jennie Rochon
Stephanie Roskamp
Jaime Rossow



Jennifer Ruby
Maisha Rudin
David Rumelhart
Christopher Sampson
Leonor Sanchez
Stephanie Sanger
Candice Sater
Timothy Schnoor



Jeff Scott
Natasha Seay
Sarah Severson
Robert Shafer
Anthony Shellenberger
Dena Shoemaker
Phouthasone Simahano
Marci Simonini



Jason Simpson
Timothy Sipma
Caron Slater
Russell Slater
Jacob Smith
Jodi Solberg
Brandon Sonnenburg
Vera Starnes



Katy and Sarah Tyrrell spend quality time together.

Billy and Bryan Howe watch a basketball game intensely while sitting on the bench.



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Laura Sterns
Alsia Stevens
Amanda Stevens
Kayla Stocker
Amy Stolki
Dawn Stoltzburg
Pashion Stone
Kathleen Streeter

Shannon Stromberg
Kristi Sullivan
Diondra Tate
Jamilla Taylor
Aaron Thiese
Jolyon Thomas
Roy Thomas
William Thompson

Moon Tiengkham
An Tran
Tuan Tran
Kathryn Tyrrell
Sarah Tyrrell
Laura Valdez
Jason Vanhemert
Nicole Vortherms

Tiffany Walker
Lulu Walley
Christopher Weeks
Jason Welsch
Anna West
Thomas Wignall
Benjamin Wiles
Sarah Wilken

Angie Williams
Jamien Williams
Gina Williamson
Amber Wilson
Jodi Wineinger
Bradley Witke
Traci Wolfe
Jesse Woody

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Antonio Ashby	Reyes Powell
Brent Higgins	Jody Powell
Adam Hill	Todd Stalter
Jabbar Jefferson	Crystal Wallace
Fred Jones	Lujuana Williams
Humberta Martinez	Titus Young
Wynetta McDonald	

The cars in the student parking lot represent the variety of people at Hoover.



photo by Wes Burrell



DRIVING ADVENTURES

Driving. For some students at Hoover this word brings excitement and freedom. For others it brings disaster and trauma. But whatever driving means one thing is for sure; getting your license is a once-in-a-life event.

From crashing cars to getting lost, juniors at Hoover have had many experiences with driving. Of the juniors polled, 31 percent said that they had been in a car accident as the driver. Dena Shoemaker described an accident she had. She said, "After the state wrestling meet, I almost went head-on with a snow plow but ended up in a ditch!"

Nic Hoover also had an accident. He said, "I was at Roosevelt for a baseball game and I hit a little yellow pole."

Many people said that getting lost was a memorable experience for them. Ayesha Abdullah said, "I was on my way to get my homecoming date on the east side and he gave me wrong directions. I ended up deep in the heart of Ankeny."

Megan Carrico also talked about getting lost when she said, "Jennie Nelson and I were trying to get to

Valley Stadium but instead we ended up asking for directions at a truck stop in Bondurant."

Driving adventures weren't restricted to just accidents or even simple mix-ups. Kayla Stocker told about her experience when she said, "I was driving to a softball game at East and I got a speeding ticket. I thought no one had seen me but then my coach stopped and talked to the cop. When I got to the field, the whole team was laughing. I was very embarrassed." Other experiences included: driving with a rat in the backseat, driving between semi-trucks and learning how to drive a stick-shift at 1 a.m.

When asked what all these adventures had taught them, many people had advice for younger drivers. Cindy Murra said, "If at all possible avoid driving with your mother. Oh and look out for those skunks, they can be real stinkers!"

Jared Gilbert's advice was to "check left, check right, check left again."

Finally, Lela Braden suggested "not to speed in Urbandale or West Des Moines."





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Half of junior Marci Simonini's car was smashed when she was involved in an accident on the corner of Madison Avenue and Beaver Avenue.

What color is your car?

Red

Blue

Green

Yellow

White

Black

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What color is your car? According to the Nov.1, 1994 issue of "Family Circle" magazine, the color of your car can reveal hidden personality traits. Here's the scoop:

1. **RED:** You are daring, competitive and passionate and often crave excitement in your life.

2. **WHITE:** You are clean, organized and compulsive and gain strength from being self-sufficient and vulnerability from your innocence.

An accident on Apr. 11, 1994, left Brandon Sonnenburg with a wrecked car and a stay in the hospital.

3. **BLUE:** You are tranquil, peaceful and strong as well as social, trustworthy, dependable, and also loyal..

4. **GREEN:** Your temperament is stable and balanced, and you take pride in being a good citizen, concerned student, involved neighbor and loyal friend.

5. **BLACK:** Prestige and power are at the top of your priority list and you are a serious, confident sophisticate who enjoys appearing mysterious.

6. **YELLOW:** You are luminous and warm and sparkle with optimistic activity and have an original and creative style.

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It seems like the moment is too important to simply be commemorated by the toss of a tassled cap or the ringing of the bell after the last final. Yet brief as the moment may be, there is eventually the point at which every senior comes to terms with the fact that the four years of high school are over, and that the years of parental dependance, teenage whims, and intentional ignorance are over and that favorite parental metaphor of "the real world" awaits.

Yet as much as parents bear down those three impressive words in an attempt to scare seniors into fits of responsibility and maturity, it often seems to enforce just the opposite. Senior year is legendary for producing fits of insanity, partying, and the eternal condition known as "senioritis". It seems that the senior year, supposed to inspire such fear and awe in all of us, is really making us crazy and wild.

While to parents senior year might be a time of worry and despair over the fate of the child, it's emotional to both the parent and child. More than one tear will be shed during the last days of pre-college in-home living. Every child who ever shouted that they wanted to move out, or even left the door with a suitcase of hastily packed clothes after fights over allowances and Oreos, will now be faced with the real thing. Though some may be ready and willing to leave, for others it will be a time of apprehension as well as exhilaration.

Seniors, faced with an uncertain future, are those most in need of the yearbook. It is the seniors who are about to embark on a new and exciting journey; the yearbook and the pictures and memories it contains give seniors something with which to look back.



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Senior Billy Young reads to senior Diane Buchler's cousin during a day care session held by the 1st period Child Development class.

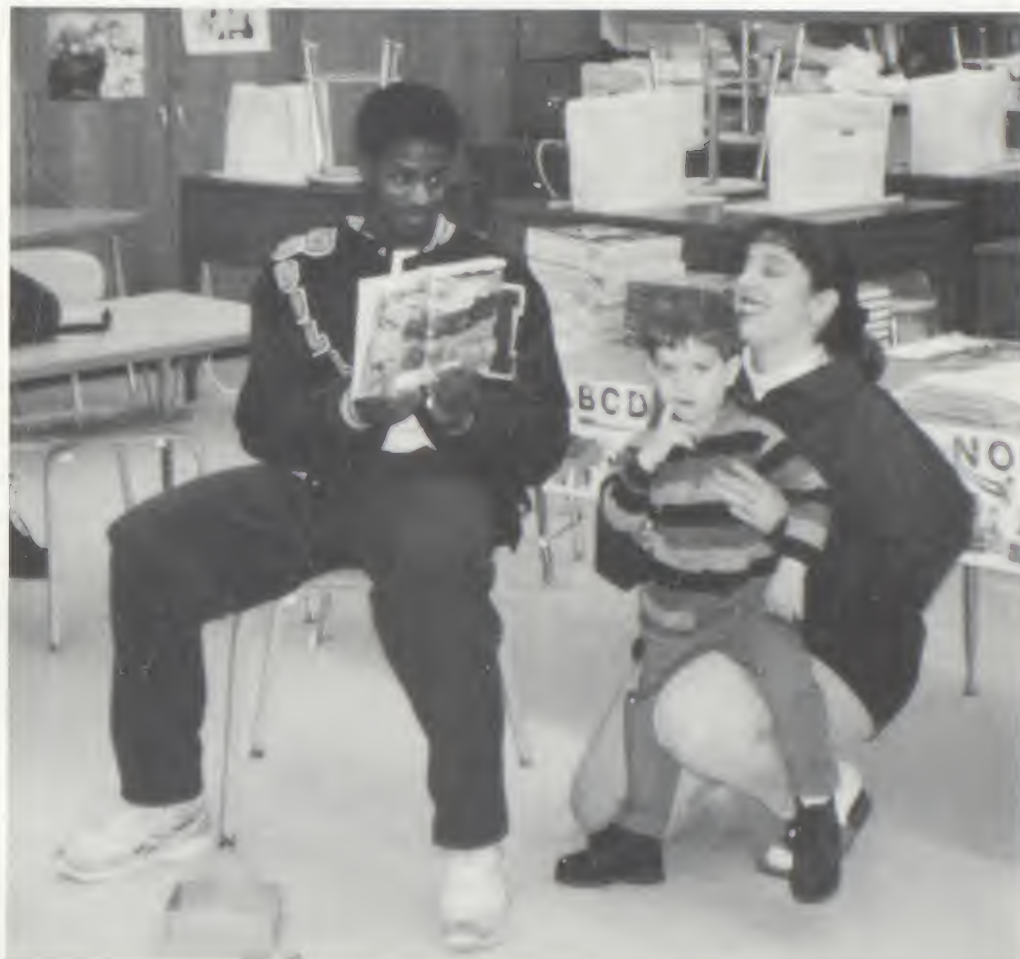


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Senior Esther Rude sets up on the block for a rebound during a varsity basketball game against Indianola on Nov. 26.

Seniors Brandon Jones, Trent Skinner, and Ryan Lundholm discuss college plans during a lull in radio/TV class.

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Senior divider
by Matt Buckley

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Our future begins



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SENIOR CLASS

memories of yesterday

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Seniors -- Class Picture
by Michelle Murphy

is today, but the



y we'll have forever.

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by Michelle Murphy*



Johanna Albrecht



Andre Alexander



Tammy Bacon



Michael Bailey



Elizabeth Bailiff



Peter Barrette



Darren Bass



Kurtis Behn



Dominic Bisignano



Angela Bogle



Samson Boutchee



Andrea Boyd



Cereshaya Bradley



Leon Brown



Matthew Buckley



Wesley Burrell Jr.



Aron Butler



Kenneth Cameron



Regina Cameron



Mary Canady



Erin Carnahan



Meggan Christensen



Jeremy Cooper



Rod Cortez

Seniors, Bradley - Cortez
by Michelle Murphy

Kreyling and Savoie stir up Porridge

While some people are socializing with friends or watching T.V. at home, Jeff Kreyling and Jake Savoie are coming up with lyrics and tunes for their two-man band Porridge. Porridge is a blues and alternative band.

"We jammed for the first time a month after school started. At first we really sucked," Kreyling said.

Kreyling plays the flying V guitar. He's been practicing for three years. Savoie plays the lender and the strato caster guitars. Savoie has been practicing for five years, he said.

When creating a new song, they said they come up with some lyrics and then Kreyling or Savoie will throw in a lead with some rhythm guitar over that. Some songs that they have come up with are: "Humming Bird", "Scatch 'n' Sniff", "Song", "Crackless", "Chain Smoker", and "Cheese".

When asked who or what inspired them, Savoie said, "Lately for me, it's been totally Danielle (Marit). I also have copied so many

people that I just created my own style."

"I never really followed anyone; I just played whatever came out. I write about things that I would like to see happen or something that has ticked me off," Kreyling said.

On Nov. 23, Kreyling and Savoie performed for an audience for the first time at Java Joes on one of the Des Moines' coffeehouse's Open Mike Night.

"It was kinda weird because I was nervous at first. When I got up on stage, I was totally calm. It was like I was in my bedroom," Savoie said.

"I was there when they performed. I was really impressed with their performance. The group that was up there before commented on how well they played," said senior Darci Hoffman.

When asked about their future plans, Kreyling said, "After high school we plan on going to New York and start doing some gigs up there."

"It doesn't really matter as long as the guitar is there," said Savoie.

Bottom center. Kreyling plays some rhythm while Savoie plays the lead.

Jeff Kreyling lets it out during his performance at Java Joes on Nov. 23.



photo by Jessica Wessing





Jake Savoie sings his title song, "Humming Bird."

Kreyling and Savoie mix vocals at Java Joes' Open Mike Night.



photo by Jessica Wessing

"I feel they are very talented and I think they'll have a big future ahead of them." -- senior Danielle Marit

"I feel kinda special to see the music created before they perform." -- senior Jessica Wessing

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Jake Savoie solos on his song, "Cheese", at Java Joes on Nov. 23.

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SURVEY SAID...

Where or how do you see yourself living in ten years?

"I see myself relaxing in the Caribbean with lots of money." -- **Adam Infante**

"Barefoot and pregnant teaching elementary education." -- **Darci Hoffman**

"Living somewhere warm and having my degree in Child Psychology." -- **Brandy Foucher**

"I see myself living in Chicago as an elementary school teacher." -- **Jaci King**

"I'll be living in the middle of nowhere, probably somewhere out in Canada." -- **Kathie Taylor**

"Happily married and working for the *Des Moines Register*." -- **Josh Hulling**

"Living with my wife, Tiffany McAdam, and having two kids." -- **Rod Cortez**

"I'll be married to Jordan Knight of NKOTB; live in our multi-

million dollar mansion on the east coast, have two Golden Retrievers named Jankovitz and Rudy, and try to plan our ten year reunion!" -- **Tiffany Sheeder**

"President of a major brewery." -- **Ryan Lundholm**

"Still living in my parents' house." -- **Truc Cao**

Living out east running my own production company." --

Johanna Albrecht

"I'm going to be a multi-billionaire, living on the coast of California, with three major modeling contracts and Rod Perkins will be my husband." -- **Anne Ogg**

"I'll be a park ranger and live on a small farm with three kids." -- **Samson Boutchee**

"Hopefully married and traveling with my husband Trent." -- **Amy Martin**



Jamen Cox



Caprice Crawford



Brian Davis



Rachel Decker



Tara Deering



Amber Deitrick



Arnie Dewitt



Diana Diaz



Huong Do



Amy Dorrell



Jennifer Doughman



Michael Duong



Christina Espersen



Tanica Farley



Jasmin Ferrera-Carretas



Karen Fonken



Brandy Foucher



Jason Geyer



April Gibson



Amy Glas

*Seniors, Do - Glas
by Michelle Murphy*



Amanda Kathleen Graham



Michael Grant



Shannon Green



Kimberly Griffith



Bradley Haugh



Fonda Heathman



Brenda Heggen



Justin Heiden



Jennifer Helton



Sharissa Hickem



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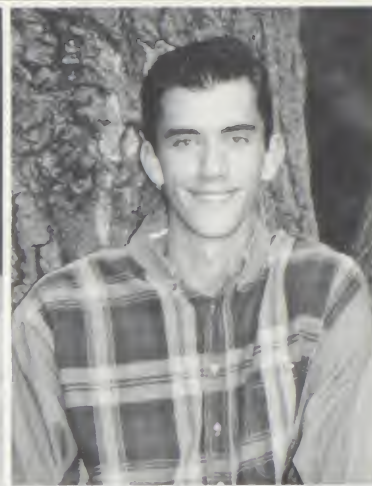
Michelle Hixson



Darci Jo Hoffman



Joah Hogan



Josh M. Hulling



Annette Hunnell



Jeff Husmann



Adam Infante



Miriam Irwin



Kristen Suzann Jahn



Adam Janik



Duane Johnson



Jay Johnson



Brandon Jones

Seniors, Hoffman -- Jones
by Michelle Murphy

YOU SAID...

What do you consider to be your most memorable high school experience?

"Squeezing Beth Bailiff, Ultra Thomas, Shawntelle Madison, Miriam Irwin, Darci Hoffman, Kathie Taylor, Esther Rude, and me into my little Prelude on our way back to lunch because Kathie's truck wouldn't start." -- **Tammy Bacon**

"This year when Mr. Pezzetti ate a dog bone." -- **Karen Fonken**

"The building of the new Northwest stadium dedicated to Cara McGrane." -- **Kurt Behn**

"When I was in the bathroom and some kid ran in, slipped on a puddle of water and fell under the sinks." - **Arnie DeWitt**

"Qualifying for the state 4A playoffs, having a winning football season, and making first team all-conference." -- **Brandon Jones**

"Going out to breakfast every Saturday morning before a volleyball tournament." -- **Angie Bogle**



photo by Michelle Murphy

Bob Stinson and Jason Geyer yell the battle cry at a Pep Assembly.



Darci Hoffman and Mande Graham lead in the school song.



John Kane



Shawn Karaidos



Jaclyn King



Tarsha Knighten



Benjamin Knowles



Jeffery Kreyling



Curtis Lamb



Thomas Lamb



photo by Michelle Murphy



photo by Michelle Murphy



Karen Laudenslager



Loan Le



Vu Le



Timothy Letsch



Scott Long



Bounthanh Lovan



Andrea Ludwick



Ryan Lundholm

*Seniors, Landenslager -- Lundholm
by Michelle Murphy*



Quyen Ly



Jessica Faye Lyon



Shawntelle Madiso



Melanie Marie Mann



Danielle Marit



Amy Martin



Raymond Matthews



Michelle McLaughlin



Angela Meadows



Natalya Merenyuk



Mark Meyer



Anntjonette Mitchell



Andre Moore



Jamal Mosley



Jennifer Motzko



Michelle Carrie Murphy



Shannon Murray



Rachel Nadler



Adam Neeley



Jennifer Nentl



Senior Andrea Boyd helps put stage make-up on junior Jake Smith for Commedia VIII.

BOYD IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Andrea Boyd has been observing the Hoover drama department since she was in fifth grade. "My sister was involved in drama, and I went to every play," Boyd said.

Boyd, following her sister's footsteps, has been involved in Hoover dramas since her freshman year. Since then, she's participated in Commedia IV, VII, VIII, All State Choral Reading, "Harvey", "It's a Wonderful life", and also served as a thespian.

Boyd has also participated as a student director for "Sweeney Todd", "A Christmas Carol", di-

rected "Improvast", been in a children's play as mirrorman, and participated for three years in large group speech contests.

"Drama is kind of an escape. You don't have to worry about anything, except who you're trying to be," Boyd said.

"I can't really see myself in Broadway or on the Big Screen, but I'll probably take a few classes in college and do a few productions. As for the future, in ten years I see myself teaching elementary school, and having a huge family," Boyd said.

*Seniors, Moore -- Nentl
by Michelle Murphy*

You Said...

What do you wish you knew when you were a freshman that you know now?

"No one can tell you to go to college if you don't want to."

-- Mande Graham

"How much your circle of friends would change."

-- Melanie Mann

"Where those darn stairs were!"

-- Christi Arcuri

"Don't bother trying to get with any Hoover guys. There's usu-

ally not much of a chance or no hope of that!"

-- Ultra Thomas

"There's no such thing as an elevator pass."

-- Kim Rumelhart

"I wish I would of known how to stay out of trouble, so all the administrators didn't know me by my first name."

-- Bobby Barger

"To do your own thing and not worry whether someone else thinks it's cool."

-- Jeff Sharp

"How hard it would be to raise my grade point after slacking off during my freshman year."

-- Taylor Newman

"How the teachers and students treat an athlete on the off season."

-- Wesley Burrell



photo by Leanne Sergio

Darren Bass gives Mande Graham a boost at the homecoming pep assembly.



Taylor Ann Newman



An Nguyen



Binh Nguyen



Duc Nguyen



Hanh Nguyen



Phuong Nguyen



Van Nguyen



Xuan Nguyen



Joshua O'Brien



Anne M. Ogg



Megan Ostrander



Avery Palmer



Vivette Perry



Vu Pham



Daniel Rauer



Travis Raymond



Christopher Roozen



Tara Rossow



Liga Rostoks



Esther Rude

*Seniors, O'Brien -- Rude
by Michelle Murphy*



Kim Rumelhart



Paul Sale



Jacob Savoie



Jeanie Schafer



Chris Scherer



Kelly J. Schlaht



Timothy Schultz



Leanne Sergio

You Said...

Throughout your high school years what was your most embarrassing moment during a class or school event?

"My freshman year, I was running through the student center and Denice Thomas tripped me and I fell in front of everyone and they all laughed at me." -- **Tanica Farley**

"My freshman year when I tried and tried to get my locker opened. After many failed attempts, I went and got the janitors. When they got to my locker, they opened it up,

and realized that it wasn't my locker." -- **Tom Acton**

"During Spring Break my senior year, I put shaving cream on Bob Stinson's face while he was sleeping and took a picture. He got me back by putting shaving cream in my pants." -- **Jason Geyer**

"I was walking out to the parking

lot with Amanda Sposeto and her bag hit me. I tripped off the sidewalk onto some ice and slipped on the ice in front of a car load of guys." -- **Kristen Jahn**

"Mysophomore year, I was new to Hoover and I went to a football game. It was the only game Hoover won that year and when everyone jumped over the fence, I slipped

and fell on my face." -- **Taylor Newman**

"Tony Childress and I were at this year's Homecoming dance; we told our dates that we would be back and a hour later we still weren't back. They came looking for us, and caught us with other girls." -- **Andre Alexander**



Jeffrey Sharp



Richard Sheaffer, Jr.



Tiffany Sheeder



Olga Shevtsova



Jay Simonini



Jeffrey Sinnwell



Trent Skinner



Brian Smith



Selina Smith



Sterling Smith



Amanda Sposeto



Aaron Starek

Seniors, Sharp -- Starek
by Michelle Murphy



Vera Starnes



Leta Steffen



Peter Stegmaier



Robert Stinson



Brett Streeter



Brian Stroud



Janelle Stumbo



Erica Lea Swanson



Katherine Taylor



Ultra Thomas



Melissa Thompson



Angela Thornburg



Jessica Thorne



John Tolson



Megan Tomlin



Dao Tran



Toshi Ueda



Jeffrey Wachuta



Charles Walker



Chansouk Wangkham

You Said...

If time was to roll back, and you were once again a freshman, what would you change?

"I would've started here instead of at Roosevelt." -- **Brandy Foucher**

"I wouldn't have injured my back and dropped out of school my freshman year!" -- **Tiffany Sheeder**

"The way I dressed!" -- **Johanna Albrecht**

"I'd spend more time with my friends. Time goes by so fast." -- **Taylor Newman**

"I would have studied harder my first couple of years." -- **Shawn Karaidos**

"Nothing; my advice would be to get involved and party at every chance you get." -- **Darci**

Hoffman

"My study habits! I would definitely work harder." -- **Amy Martin**

"I'd work my butt off to get better grades!" -- **Melanie Mann**

"All the stupid fights that all my friends got into!" -- **Tara Rossow**

"My attitude towards my classes and teachers." -- **Jacki King**

"I wouldn't change a thing, things have gone good." -- **Mandee Graham**

"I never would have gone through with it." -- **Avery Palmer**

Seniors, Thorne -- Wangkham
by Michelle Murphy



Chantel Ware



Jessica Wessing



Tyler Williams



Stacy Wilson



Brad Witke



Jody Woods



Billy Young



Warnell Ziegler



Gary Zillyette



Thomas Acton



Thao Baccam



Bobby Barger



Silicia Boutchee



Jaime Bullock



Antonio Childres



Michael Childs



Ramon Christopher



Arkeyia Curry



Haris Domazet

Not Pictured

Christie Arcuri
Steven Ash
Joann Ashley
Thomas Berkley
Jacob Boudewnys
Shyrika Bradley
Andrew Bredeson
Eraina Brewer
Diane Buechler
Kay Canty
Truc Cao
Grace Chilongo
Andrew Crawford

Danee Davis
Demarco Davis
Kristoffer DeLaCruz
John Denton
Cody Dolinsek
Eric Helwig
Shaneice Henderson
Christina Howard
Daniel Kline
Marek Kucinski
Hung Le
Loan Le
Helen Lee

John Lee
Rachel Lovan
Aleisa Lyons
Gary Martin
Erin Mayfield
Mandy McGinnis
Dong Nguyen
Huy Nguyen
Curtis Patterson
Brian Peterson
Anthony Poch
Aaron Ramsey
Christopher Robertson

Vanpheng Sayavongchanh
Pashion Stone
Anthony Swan
Demetrius Thompson
Vi Tran
Nhon Troung
Hanh Vu
Huy Vu
Shannon Walker
Byron Williams
Lujuana Williams
Titus Young
Enrique Zenteno

Seniors, Boutchee -- Domazet
by Michelle Murphy

SENIORS DANCE UNDER "MOONLIGHT AND ROSES" AT PROM, AND GAMBLE AT POST PROM FESTIVITIES 'TIL THE BREAK OF DAWN

This year's prom was held at the Des Moines Historical building. The theme was "Moonlight and Roses". The theme colors were black, red, and silver.

The theme idea was developed by the Prom Committee, which was chaired by Erica Swanson and Amy Martin. Other members included Darci Hoffman, Melanie Mann, Mandee Graham, Huong Do, Shannon Murray, Andrea Ludwick, senior board liaison Esther Rude, and teacher sponsor Bette Prey.

The main activity of the night was the announcement of Prom king and queen, which was announced at 10:30 on the dance floor. The winners were Wesley Burrell as king and Tara Deering as queen. The candidates for king were Burrell, Jay Johnson, Duane Johnson, Shawn Karaidos, and Brian Stoud. The candidates for queen were Deering, Darci Hoffman, Amy Martin, Leanne Sergio, and Kathie Taylor.

"I think it turned out beautifully. We put in a lot of hard work with the decorations. I think it was well worth the time," said chairman Erica Swanson.

Senior Samson Boutchee leads a group of seniors in a sing-a-long in the gaming room at Plaza Lanes.

Senior Cody Dolinsek tells senior Dominic Bisignano and vice-principal Dennis Ramsey about all the prizes won.

Following prom was the annual Post Prom party, between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. at Plaza Lanes. All the graduating seniors were able to attend. There was no cost to attend because everything was donated by companies or families.

Raffle drawings were announced every hour during the beginning and later in the morning the raffles were done every half hour. Some of the prizes given away during the raffles were free movie rentals from Movies To Go, t-shirts with a prom logo made by Aaron Starek, Dairy Queen coupons, bowling passes, hair care products gift certificates from Ground Round, oil changes, passes to Farley's Family Fun, cooler, and bicycle helmets.

Some of the activities that were at the post prom were gambling, bowling, cartoonist draw individuals, or listen to a comedian in the lounge, there was also sumo wrestling, or shoot some pool.

"I think it turned out really well considering we started getting the prizes late. I was glad to see a lot of people stay 'til the end. The whole thing went by really well," said chairman Tara Deering.



photo by Barb Graham



Senior Josh Hulling explains to his girlfriend, Urbandale senior Melinda Hoogers, how to gamble.

Ann Canady takes \$10,000 of Peter Stegmaier's money for a raffle ticket.



photo by Barb Graham



photo by Barb Graham

Seniors Taylor Newman and Aaron Starek compare their money to see who won the most at post-prom's gambling games.



photo by Barb Graham

Prom and Post Prom
by Michelle Murphy

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SENIOR BOARD WORKS HARD TO MAKE A MEMORABLE YEAR

Senior Board consisted of seven committees, 14 sponsors, and 66 members, all seniors. This group of seniors and staff members were in charge of organizing senior events throughout the year. The purpose of Senior Board was to let seniors help plan out the senior year by independently planning out important senior events like Prom and the commencement ceremony.

"All committees are fully active and functioning and the seniors have been demonstrating excellent leadership," vice-principal Dennis Ramsey said. Ramsey served as the sponsor of Senior Board and held regular meetings with the cabinet.

The seven committees were: Prom, Post Prom, Graduation, Cap and Gown, Senior Breakfast, Fundraising, and Alumni. Each committee was headed by a chairperson and a co-chairperson seniors selected by the cabinet, and each committee is aided by a faculty advisor. Each committee also had a cabinet liaison that would attend meetings and give advice.

Fundraisers were set up throughout the year to make these events possible for the seniors. Major expenses this year were the renting of the space in Drake's Knapp Center and the Historical Museum for the commencement cer-

emony and the prom.

There were four officers on the Senior Board committee; they were president Tiffany Sheeder, vice-president Meggan Christensen, secretary Esther Rude, and treasurer Souky Wangkham.

"There are a lot of details to take care of and I think our seniors have done an excellent job of getting things done. Their input is very important because we decide what we want to do, not the administrators," Sheeder said.

"The chair people have done an awesome job; the plans that we've made will hopefully turn out well and all together cap off a great four years," Rude said.

This year the administration proposed something new, a Class Day. This would've involved having the whole school get out of class to recognize the seniors. However, a dispute between faculty and students over whether to wear the graduation robe during Class Day ceremonies led to cancellation of the plans; the Senior Awards night was held instead.

"I am really impressed with how everything has turned out with the help of many reliable, responsible chair people. We have made this year a success," Christensen said.

Seniors Amy Glas, Jennifer Doughman, and Ultra Thomas talk about senior cap and gowns during lunch.

Senior Board officers: president Tiffany Sheeder, vice-president Meggan Christensen, secretary Esther Rude, treasurer Souky Wangkham.



photo by Mandee Graham



Seniors Erica Swanson, Amy Martin, Huong Do, and Kristen Jahn look over prom magazines.

Senior Tammy Bacon looks at a magazine for prom ideas.



photo by Kristen Jahn

"The chairpeople this year have done an awesome job."

-- Esther Rude, senior board secretary

photo by Tara Rossow

Prom committee chair Erica Swanson and Amy Martin discuss ideas for prom decorations.



photo by Tara Rossow

*Senior Board
by Tara Rossow*

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AND THE WINNER IS ...

When the Senior Awards night arrived, audience members could feel the anticipation in the air. Excited seniors waited to see who would win various awards given out that night. After listening to music provided by the band department, the program, organized by seniors Jessica Lyon and Darren Bass, got under way. The following is a list of the various awards presented that night and who received them.

Superintendent Awards

(Hoover)

Art	Leta Steffen
Music	Mary Canady
Science	Darren Bass
Social Science	Brett Streeter
Physical	
Education	Thomas Berkley
Industrial Technology	Ray Matthews
Foreign Language	Jessica Lyon
English	Tiffany Sheeder
Math	Huy Thong Nguyen
Business	Mary Canady

(Central Campus)

English	Matt Buckley
Math	Leta Steffen
Science	Leta Steffen
Social Science	Matt Buckley

Advanced Computer Technology

Richard Sheaffer, Jr.

Home Building I

Oleg Pedashov

Christopher Roozen

Marine Biology

Andrew Crawford

Office Technology/Word Perfect

Rachel Lovan

Practical Nursing

Anntoinette Mitchell

Sponsored Awards

American Citizenship Award

Erica Swanson

Army Reserve National Scholar/ Athlete Award

Brad Haugh

Angela Bogle

Bernie Saggau Award

Darren Bass

Marjorie Prosch Memorial Award

Cody Dolinsek

National Council on Teen Leadership

Brad Haugh

Rotary Club

Liga Rostoks

ROTC Citizenship Awards

Michael Bailey

U.S. Army Four-Year ROTC Scholarship

Peter Stegmaier

McDonald's Scholarship, 1995 Crew Scholarship

Jessica Lyon

Senior Angela Bogle smiles as she accepts the Army Reserve National Scholar/ Athlete Award on Tuesday, May 16.



photo by Angela Neve



Senior Awards
by Angela Neve



photo by Matt Buckley

State of Iowa Scholars

Darren Bass	Avery Palmer
Angela Bogle	Thu Vu Pham
Matthew Buckley	Liga Rostoks
Mary Canady	Tiffany Sheeder
Huong Do	Brian Smith
Christina Espersen	Leta Steffen
Miriam Irwin	Erica Swanson
Benjamin Knowles	Dao Tran
Jessica Lyon	

President's Awards for Educational Excellence

Darren Bass	Avery Palmer
Angela Bogle	Tiffany Sheeder
Matthew Buckley	Brian Smith
Mary Canady	Leta Steffen
Huong Do	Erica Swanson
Christina Espersen	Dao Tran
Benjamin Knowles	

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Finalists

Matthew Buckley	Avery Palmer
Huong Do	Leta Steffen

President's Academic Improvement Awards

Jamen Cox	Quyen Ly
Haris Domazet	Jessica Lyon
Jennifer Doughman	Huy Nguyen
Miriam Irwin	Vu Pham
Jay Johnson	Liga Rostoks

Tandy Technology

Darren Bass	Vu Pham
Angela Bogle	Tiffany Sheeder
Matthew Buckley	Leta Steffen
Huong Do	Dao Tran
Benjamin Knowles	

1995 Class Co-Valedictorian's

Thu-Huong Thi Do
 Leta Suzanne Steffen
 Thu Vu Pham
 Matthew Sexton Buckley
 Angela Marie Bogle
 Dao Bich Tran
 Benjamin Dare Knowles
 Darren Michael Bass
 Tiffany Denise Sheeder

1995 Class Salutatorian

Mary Louise Canady

"The whole night was really nice; everything ran so smoothly. Darren and Jessica did a great job organizing the ceremony."

-- senior Matt Buckley



photo by Angela Neve



photo by Matt Buckley

The State of Iowa Scholars accept their award: Darren Bass, Angela Bogle, Matt Buckley, Mary Canady, Huong Do, Miriam Irwin, Ben Knowles, Jessica Lyon, Liga Rostoks, Tiffany Sheeder, Brian Smith, Leta Steffen, Erica Swanson, and Dao Tran.

Senior Darren Bass rises to accept the Bernie Saggau Award; seniors Erica Swanson and Jessica Lyon both applaud.

Senior Awards
by Angela Neve

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SENIORS CELEBRATE WITH ONE FINAL MEAL

The annual Senior Breakfast was held on Thursday, May 25, 1995 at 7:00 a.m. in the east cafeteria. Attending seniors paid one dollar for a breakfast consisting of fresh fruit, muffins, waffles, juice, and coffee, which was served by faculty members and underclassmen. On the way in, everyone signed a banner congratulating the Class of '95 on their hard work over the past four years.

The event was organized by the Senior Board Breakfast committee, which was chaired by seniors Angie Bogle and Kathie Taylor. The teachers sponsors for this committee were Carolyn Thune and Chris Gammel.

Volunteers arrived at school at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday to begin making the waffles. Members of the breakfast committee as well as several faculty members and underclassmen helped to set up the buffet and assist the attending seniors.

"This was a time for all seniors to get together for one last time," Bogle said. "It's fun because we get silly awards and just relax and celebrate the end of high school," she

said.

"It was fun to have this time to spend with our classmates before we graduated and went our separate ways," senior Erica Swanson said.

"We worked really hard to make this a fun experience for everyone. I was really glad that there was such a good turnout," senior breakfast committee member Jennifer Doughman said.

A major event during the breakfast was the presentation of the senior awards. The winners of these awards were chosen by popular vote by the entire senior class. They included serious categories, such as most likely to be president and most studious, as well as silly categories like class clown and craziest/wild-est.

"It's nice for the senior class to have one last chance to see each other at school after they graduate, and also to give recognition to seniors that have deserving traits not usually recognized. Plus, Mr. Ramsey sure makes a mean waffle batter," senior Matt Buckley said.

Senior Josh O'Brien tops his waffles with whipped cream.

Middle - junior Emily Minnis helps seniors Jody Woods, Brian Stroud, Dao Tran, Andrea Ludwick and Chris Scherer with their breakfasts.



photo by Jessica Lyon



Pincipal William McCollough and vice-principal / senior class advisor Dennis Ramsey prepare to make waffles for the senior class.

Senior Awards

Category

Male

Female

Best Dressed	Tony Childres	Tara Deering
Best Legs	Brian Stroud	Mary Canady
Biggest Bum	Andy Bredeson	April Gibson
Best Musician	Aaron Starek	Rachel Nadler
Best Athlete	Ramon Christopher	Esther Rude
Biggest Flirt	Duane Johnson	Amanda Sposeto
Best Smile	Tyler Williams	Meggan Christensen
Friendliest	Trent Skinner	Amy Martin
Craziest / Wildest	Dominic Bisignano	Shannon Murray
Best Actor / Actress	Jeff Kreyling	Andréa Boyd
Most Likely to be Rich	Jay Johnson	Tiffany Sheeder
Best Artist	Jeff Wachuta	Miriam Irwin
Biggest Gossip	Mike Grant	Darci Hoffman
Most Outgoing	Adam Infante	Angie Bogle
Most Studious	Avery Palmer	Dao Tran
Worst Senioritis	Jay Simonini	Tara Rossow
Most Likely to be President	Brett Streeter	Erica Swanson
Most Fabulous Eyes	Jason Geyer	Michelle Murphy
Best Hair	Shawn Karaidos	Danielle Marit
Most Intelligent	Matt Buckley	Leta Steffen
Best Sense of Humor	Arnie DeWitt	Megan Tomlin
Class Clown	Justin Heiden	Vivette Perry
Most School Spirit	Sam Boutchee	Mandee Graham
Most Outdoorsy	Ryan Lundholm	Kathie Taylor
Cutest Couple	Mark Meyer and Esther Rude	

photo by Jessica Lyon

Seniors Meggan Christensen and Andy Bredeson wait for Brandon Jones to decide what he wants to put on his waffles while Ryan Lundholm chooses a doughnut.

photo by Jessica Lyon

photo by Jessica Lyon

Senior breakfast
by Huong Do

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Senior Melanie Mann receives her diploma from Dr. Barbara Prior.

Senior Darci Hoffman walks across the stage to receive her diploma; seniors Joah Hogan, Josh Hulling, Jeff Husmann, and Miriam Irwin await their turns.



photo by Jim Murphy

Several of the first row of seniors wait to be recognized at the graduation ceremony: from left - Darren Bass, Peter Barette, Bobby Barger, Elizabeth Baliff, Michael Bailey, Tammy Bacon, and Jo Ann Ashley.



photo by Jim Murphy



photo by Jim Murphy

Several Hoover seniors await their turn to walk across the stage: from left - Adam Neeley, Rachel Nadler, Shannon Murray, Michelle Murphy, and Jennifer Motzko.

"I was really glad that seniors were given the chance to speak at the commencement ceremony."

-- senior Matt Buckley

COMMENCEMENT AT THE KNAPP CENTER SENDS OFF THE SENIOR CLASS IN STYLE

The senior class ended their high school days at the commencement ceremony, held at the William C. Knapp Center at Drake University on May 24. The ceremony began at 7:00 p.m. with 223 soon-to-be graduates lined up in caps and gowns.

The ceremony was organized by the Senior Board commencement committee, under senior co-chairs Matt Buckley, Jessica Lyon, and Andrea Boyd. Steve Koch served as the faculty representative to the committee, and senior Tiffany Sheeder served as the committee's liaison with the Senior Board cabinet.

A welcome by principal William McCollaugh preceded a music ensemble of Hoover choirs and bands that presented "America the Beautiful".

Senior Cody Dolinsek was awarded the Jane Hentges Humanitarian Award, an honor given to a graduating senior who had demonstrated involvement in voluntary

activities and goodwill in humanity.

Chosen by their peers, class speakers for the evening were seniors Buckley and Adam Infante. They spoke to the graduating class, looking back at the last four years of high school and gave encouragement and hope for the future.

Following the student speakers was Dr. Barbara Prior, director of middle school and high school programs of Des Moines Public Schools, who gave a speech of her own. After her was school board member Gloria Hoffman. Finally, Hoover Student Service Coordinator Richard Doughan began the announcement of graduating names and honors.

The graduation night came to its completion with the "Alma Mater", performed by the Hoover Harmony choir. Then, without direction, the graduates threw off their caps in celebration of four years of work and achievement.

And, as they came to order, "Pomp and Circumstance" was played by the concert band while the graduates of 1995 began the recessional with diplomas in hand.

Student Services Coordinator Richard Doughan reads the names of graduating seniors; vice-principal Dennis Ramsey hands out envelopes of materials.



photo by Jim Murphy

*Commencement
by Amy Lee*

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Ultra Thomas



To my beloved daughter, I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments. I know you will succeed easily in anything you do in life. I know God has blessed me with such a beautiful baby. Wish you all the best. Congratulations and you go, baby girl.

Love,
Mom

To Our Daughter Michelle,

You've made us very proud of you. We wish you nothing but happiness in your future. We'll miss you when you go off to college, my friend. Remember, any time, any place, any where.

Love you,
Dad, Mom, Dana,
David, Taz

Michelle Murphy



Mandee Graham



TO OUR SPECIAL MUMPLING

You are not only my daughter but my friend. Thanks for being so "special". Love Mom.

Set your goals high that way life will always be a challenge. Love Dad.

Can I borrow a dollar? Love Matthew.

I love you and miss you! Love Dan.

Keep your
individuality!
I'm proud of you.

Loves ya,
Mom

Shannon Murray



Amy Martin



I can't believe you're all grown up and ready to start college. It seems like yesterday you were starting grade school! Good luck at Iowa--We'll miss you! Mama loves ya-

Go Hawks,
Mom and Rudy

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very proud
of you and will always
love you-

Mom, Dad,
Troy, Traci

Trent Skinner



Congratulations "Rimshot"! We love you more than you know. You are a sensitive, caring person to those you love and it's appreciated. We are very proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Sara

Megan Ostrander



Brett Streeter



Congratulations Brett! How quickly time has passed since the 1st day of kindergarten. You possess the important things: fine mind, character, humor, and faith. You are a precious gift.

All our love,
Mom and Dad

As I've watched you grow from ballerina to a young woman, I've always been full of pride. You will continue to be a star because of your loving warm spirit. May success continue to follow you and your many journeys ahead.

Love,
Mom

Angie Thornburg



Shannon Green



It seems like only yesterday I waved good-bye to you as you went off on your first day of school. I was so proud of you then, and I am so proud of you today. You have hurdled many obstacles with your determination and dreams. Never give up on those dreams. You are a beautiful, talented and caring person, and you have so very much to offer this world.

I love you,
your Mom

Your smile has lit up our lives since the day you arrived. We're proud of all your talents. Best of luck with your future plans --draw on your talents and get a kick out of life.

Mom and Dad

Aaron Starek



Danielle Marit



My Dearest Danielle,

From the first moment I held you in my arms I knew you were to be a very beautiful and special person. Your warmth, kindness, and tenderness has followed you through the years, always a smile for one who looked your way. I admire your strength and courage to be true to yourself, to be your own person. Your family and I are so very proud of you. Danielle, you are the sunshine in my life and my best friend. I love you. May God watch over and care for you always.

Mom

Jay Johnson



We are so proud of the young man you have become.

We admire your individuality and sense of humor. And you have earned our respect with your strength of character and determination.

Much love,
Mom, Dad, Chad

Congratulations! We had faith you'd graduate...REALLY!

We are very proud of all you've done and will be behind you in all your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Monica, Denise

Rachel Decker



Leanne Sergio



To our happy daughter who always seems to have a smile for everyone. Keep your great outlook on life and you'll do great things.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Anthony

Tim Schultz



Even as a baby you loved music. You have always made us proud and happy. Our best wishes for success and happiness as you head into the future. May you view future challenges as stepping stones instead of stumbling blocks.

Love,
Mom, Dad

This is just the beginning. Always follow your dreams and be true to yourself. We love you and support you in every way.

Love,
Dad, Sharon, Brad

Taylor Newman



Kurtis Behn



Even then, we knew you would grow up to be the fine young man we are so proud of today. Congratulations.

All our love always,
Mom, Dad, Kari

What more could a Mother ask for!! We're so proud of you and all that you've accomplished. Good luck and continued success in every thing you do!

Love,
Mom and Scott

Shawn Karaidos



Fonda Heathman



Congratulations, Fonda!
You are headed in the right way. You are a joy to our lives.

Love,
Your Family

We are very proud of you, Brad! You are now beginning a future that you will control. Always aim for the best and you will do well. Best of luck and always be happy!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Melinda, Becki

Brad Witke



You've always been
"Super" to us!

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Bryce

Brandon Jones



Leta Steffen



"Letta" Sue,
You'll always be "Queen of our hearts." We couldn't ask for anything more in a daughter. You are the best!

Love,
Mom, Dad

What a blessing you have been and what memories we have shared: from following your bus on your first day of school, to watching you "skip" to the playground equipment, to sharing the excitement of your senior year, and now watching you wave goodbye as you walk through the door to college.

You've grown into an intelligent, articulate, and wonderful young woman with such a zest for life and learning. Thank you for being YOU.

May the Lord guide and keep you all the days of your life!

WE LOVE YOU.
Mom, Roger, and Dana

Erica Swanson



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by Dena Shoemaker

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Ray Matthews



You're one very special guy. You're also quite a character. Continue to believe in yourself, your dreams and the future.

Love,
Mom

Good Luck Jeff
on the ride of your
life!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jeff Wachuta



Megan Tomlin



Congratulations Megan!
We are so proud of you. Remember: you are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true. Believe in yourself!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Jessica Wessing



CONGRATULATIONS!

"Growing up" with you has brought us laughter and tears, pride and frustration, joy and love. You are the sunshine and the rain and it takes both to make a rainbow.

We wish you only the best for your future. Remember we love you and will be here for you always. We are proud to be your parents.

Love,
Mom and Dad

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, because you are the light of the world. Make the most out of every opportunity.

Mom, Dad,
Tiffany, Arrius

Charles Walker



Jay Simonini



May you always hit
the ground running
and be ahead of the
pack!

With all our love,
Dad, Mom,
Marci, Nick

Searching for the photo that captured you as a very young man brought back many memories. How creative you were. How unique you've become. We celebrate with you today.

Dad and Mom

Dominic Bisignano



Darci Hoffman



We always knew that if you put forth that much effort with your great smile, you would become a fine young lady. Keep "smilin".

Love,
Dad

You're our last!
You gave us new insights,
new challenges and new heights to conquer.

Always: Reach farther
Try harder
Think wider

Love,
Pop, Mom,
KenIII, Ginger

Bob Stinson



Congratulations, Scott!

Set your course...
Follow your dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Cory

Scott Long



Ryan Lundholm



Give me an "H"! Hoover is very proud of you and so are we.

Linda, Steve, Leah, P.J.,
Scott, and Punky, Toby too

Tifi, Tiff, Iffan, Buttamus and Smacker:
You can do all things through Christ which strengthens you. You are a shining example. We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. A job well done!

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, Troy, Matt, Trina

Tiffany Denise Sheeder



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Kristen Jahn



Little Sister Graduates!

We love you Kristen.
Mom, Dad,
Nikki, Alison

Angie,

I am very proud of you. Your strong desire and dedication to be your best at everything makes you a winner.

I love you very much,
Dad

Angie Bogle



Tara Deering



CONGRATULATIONS! We are very proud of you and your achievements. You have grown up to be a very nice young lady. We know you will go far. GOOD LUCK!

LOVE ALWAYS,
Mom, Dad, Ken Jr.

You bring so much joy and laughter to our family. Congratulations on all your accomplishments over the years. We'll always be proud of you.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Sue,
Molly, Michael

Mary Canady



Meggan Christensen



Vict'ry, Vict'ry, That's our cry
N-O-B-C-E-R-I !

From the first time we heard your Vict'ry cry, we knew the world was getting something special.

Congratulations Meggy - Peg.
Dad, Mom, Nicki, Marci and Kelly

Brad,

Congratulations! You have much Aloha to share with the world. Success follows Aloha, so geev'um braada!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kev

P.S. You've finally got some "E"!

Brad Haugh



Dear Matt,
Good luck as you open new doors.

Love,
Mom, Dad
Kathi, David

Matt Buckley



Jennifer Doughman



We knew early in your life that you were very special and we are so proud of you. We love you so much and now you are far more prepared to leave the nest than we are to see you leave. But... remember we will always be there for you.

Love you,
Mom, Dad, Katie, Charm

Congratulations on your accomplishments and goals you have set for yourself! We are very proud of you, and wish you the best in the years ahead.

Dad, Mom, Christy,
Angela

Mike Grant



Jamen Cox



We always knew you'd be someone special. Just look how you started out.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sara,
and Andrew

It's time. You've grown accustomed to the space surrounding you. Focused, tuned in, you're ready. Earth to Justin- It's yours for the taking- Go for it!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Brian

Justin Heiden



Tammy Bacon



Tammy Bacon,

It has been a privilege to be a part of your life. You deserve the best that is yet to come.

Reach for the stars.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Baby ads
by *Dena Shoemaker*

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Text of Matt Buckley's Commencement Speech

Life, fellow seniors, is a series of transitions. Before we even begin our formal schooling, we are going from stage to stage, whether it be changing how we move, how we eat, or even how we think and feel. These transitions continue in our formal education, and today we stand at the threshold of perhaps our biggest transition yet. We moved from elementary school into middle school as boys and girls. We moved from middle school into high school as adolescents. Today, we pass from high school into college, jobs, the armed forces, or endless callings, and we do so as adults.

Adult life is a sometimes scary thought. We face rampant problems in our society, from unemployment and crime to drugs and racism. To know that the protective shelter of a school or parent will soon no longer be there to protect us from those problems may frighten many of us. Soon, we will be independent, steering through the turbulent real world under our own supervision - that may well make us nervous. Rare is the high school graduate who is absolutely sure of his or her future. More

common, both in society and in our audience today, are those who are happy and ready, but nervous about their future, wondering about what they will face and curious about what the next few years will bring.

And while it may seem strange now to look upon the past, now is a time to look back on that last transition we had, the last period of anticipation and anxiety that we faced, and to see how well we handled it. That last transition was the one from middle school to high school, and the fear and anticipation that we had then was similar to the feelings that we have now. And since we had similar feelings, then perhaps we will have similar outcomes. If that is true, then perhaps looking at our past four years will show us the potential of our class.

Sports, for example. The varsity basketball team, led by seniors, took the loss of a starter early in the season yet still regrouped to go 17-4 and win the American Conference. The varsity football, led by seniors, made the playoffs for the first time in several years. The boys' cross-country team, led by seniors, went to state as well. Tara

Deering, Josh Hulling, and Ramon Christopher, all seniors, qualified for state in boys' and girls' track respectively. The relay team of Shawn Karaidos, Tyler Williams, Brandon Jones, and Justin Heiden, all seniors, went to state for boys' swimming. Last, but not least, the boys' soccer team, led by seniors, qualified for the state tournament in Muscatine. And of course, we are one of only two classes to win the annual senior-faculty game. On those teams and every other team, the team's record with respect to dedication, hard work, and pride was as impressive as anything.

Activities, for example. Activities like the Academic Decathlon, newspaper, debate, cheerleading, and several service organizations were boosted by the class of 1995. The Academic Decathlon team got second in the district and seventh in the state. The Hoover Challenger began work as a biweekly paper for the first time. Work by ROTC and the National Honor Society raised record levels of blood from the twice-annual blood drives, giving others outside Hoover the chance at a longer, better life. Intercultural programs and the Imani Players

continued to provide Hoover with knowledge essential to getting along in today's multicultural world. Perhaps most significantly for the future of Hoover, the work of groups like NHS, TLC, and other service groups has contributed to the building of Hoover's MacGrane stadium. Through participation in these activities, an through the creation of others, the class of 1995 has left a legacy of participation and involvement that will be tough to match.

Academics, for example. This year's senior class is by any measure one of the strongest ever to walk the halls of Hoover. Not only did we have six students named National Merit Commended Scholars, but we also had four National Merit Finalists, making this class one of the most successful ever in that regard. This year we will have nearly ten valedictorians, and the golden stole or commemorative tassel recognizing academic excellence and achievement are found on more deserving people than ever before. Most of this is due to the fantastic work ethic, discipline, and heart of the senior class. The great inventor Thomas Edison once said that genius was one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration. On both counts, the class of 1995 has been a resound-

Canine chaos erupts after the Huskies beat Lincoln on Feb. 23, 67-59, to complete their regular season with a 15-3 record and to win the CIML American conference championship.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber

ing success.

On all three counts, it seems, the class of 1995 has made an incredible impact. In sports, we have excelled. In activities, we have excelled. In academics, we have excelled. Look, fellow seniors, at what we have accomplished since that last transition. The last time we felt that anxiety, it was before four years in which we made a huge impact, four years in which we excelled. So as we look over this transition, as we look with anticipation toward an uncertain future, remember that this class, more than many others, has handled such challenges before, with dignity, class and success. The future is within our grasp. Go to it with ready minds and ready hearts, and embrace it with ready hands. The past four years have prepared you, and shown that you are ready.

And one last point. You may be sad at this moment to come. Sad because of this being an ending, sad to see friends go, sad to almost be out of the friendly confines of home. But you are not the saddest people in this auditorium, seniors. In about ten minutes, the faculty and administration at Hoover High lose one of the best...scratch that...the faculty and administration lose the best class Hoover's ever had. Good luck to you all.



photo by Kristen Jahn

Senior Mande Graham pours fixer back into its jug in room 204's darkroom; as a member of photojournalism class, Graham and others took photos for the biweekly newspaper and the yearbook.



photo by Kristen Jahn

Juniors Kari Greenlee and Dena Shoemaker work together on a yearbook spread; Greenlee worked as a sports editor during the year, while Shoemaker was in charge of the baby ads.



photo by LeeAnn Hofferber



photo by Mande Graham

Freshman Grant Noah leaps to defend against the Dowling offense during their Dec. 1 tilt. The freshman boys pulled out a 60-54 victory against the conference rival Maroons.

The start of a cross country meet held by Urbandale leads to last-minute coaching by Robert Jankovitz; on the starting line are sophomores Destiny Schipman, Geneva Moore, and Candy Mason.

Senior speech feature #1
by Matt Buckley

Text of Adam Infante's Commencement Speech

Back in April when I first learned that seniors would be given the opportunity to speak at commencement, I was very excited. I wanted to try out just to see if I could make it; I didn't really have anything to talk about. Like a typical high school student, I waited until the night before I had to give the speech before I sat and wrote anything down.

As I was sitting at my desk, looking out the window I could not think of anything. There is nothing that we haven't done, or haven't accomplished since we've been here these four years. So, like a good student, I went to the dictionary and looked up the word "commencement".

Being an impatient student, I saw that it said "refer to 'commence'", so I didn't even read the definition of "commencement" and went straight to "commence". And it meant "to have or make a beginning". And as I sat there thinking, this isn't the ending of anything important; this is the beginning of probably the most important thing in our lives. This is a commencement ceremony; we're

celebrating the beginning, not the ending.

So as I was thinking about our new beginning two things came into my mind. The first one is something I like to call the cup. The cup is a goal. It is a container into which we pour all of our knowledge, experience, and instincts into. The goal is to fill the cup in the sense that accomplishing your goal is filling the cup.

As our cup begins to fill, we gradually become more knowledgeable, more intelligent, and hopefully a better person. Examples of filling the cup are graduating from kindergarten. Now we've just graduated from high school, or are about to. We've just filled our cup. How big your cup is is different for each person; how much you put into that cup is also different. But what people don't realize is that you just don't pour all that knowledge, experience, and instincts out and start over again; you have to use what's in that cup to fuel the filling of the next cup, and that is what I wanted to talk about.

The other thing that came to my mind was a poem that a friend of

mine named Ken Pilch gave to me about a year-and-a-half ago. It is called "The Man in the Glass." Although "The Man" seems kind of sexist, it stands for mankind. Here it is.

"When you get what you want in your struggle for self,

And the world makes you king for a day,

Just go to a mirror and look at yourself,

And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father, mother, or wife

Whose judgment upon which you must pass.

The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life

Is the one staring back in the glass

Some people might think you're a straight-shooting chum,

And call you a wonderful guy.

But the man in the glass thinks you're only a bum,

If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please and to remind all the rest,

For he's with you clear till the end.

And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test

If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years,

And give 'em pats on the back as they pass.

But your final reward will be heartache and tears

If you cheat the man in the glass."

I thought this poem complemented the cup very well. The cup stands for life in general, but the poem stands for each and every single one of us. Those are two things that I'm glad I know now as I begin the rest of my adult life.

I hope to see all of you in 10, 15, 25 years — whenever our next reunion is. Obviously, all of you have a full cup — of something. And I hope that all of you can look in the mirror and be proud of what you see. Thank you very much.

(Editor's Note -- Since Adam gave his speech from notes, it was necessary to transcribe his speech from a videotape. I apologize in advance for any mistakes I may have made in writing down the speech from the tape. -- MB)

Senior Tom Lamb works on a Color-It application during Mr. Hammen's second-hour Computer Applications class.



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Michael Duong

Senior Mary Canady performs as a member of the varsity football cheerleaders during the Sep. 2 game against Fort Dodge.

A concert in the auditorium featuring several bands with Hoover members led to moshpit antics and the body-surfing ride of the concertgoer below.



photo by Mande Graham



photo courtesy of the drama department



photo by Taylor Newman



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Junior Matt Smith works to pin his Urbandale opponent in a heavyweight match.

After juniors Tim Sipma and Cassie Murphy tie the knot as George and Mary Bailey in Hoover's production of "It's a Wonderful Life", Sipma speaks with junior Tim Nehmer while Murphy glances at a bottle of champagne.

Junior Billy Howe (#12) surveys the court during his playing time during a regular season game against Indianola.

Senior speech feature #2
by Matt Buckley

Text of Erica Swanson's Senior Award Speech

"To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under
heaven:

A time to be born/And a time to die;
A time to plant/And a time to sow."

We've spent years "planting"
— planting the seeds of our friend-
ships, our character, our future.
Working toward graduation — a
day we thought would never come
— we've shared the laughter and
the tears of teenage life.

Each of us has memories of that
first day of high school. (I know I'll
never forget the confusion I experi-
enced after a prankster upperclass-
man assured me that, as soon as I
found the third floor, I'd find my
freshmen English class no prob-
lem!.) Frightened, and yes, a little
intimidated, we began a new life.
Little did we know, that day, the
countless memories we'd share in
forming. Who here could've pic-
tured the class of '95 in the bleach-
ers of the city's newest football
stadium — our own! — for our
senior Homecoming game?!

More than just books and com-
position papers, high school has
been a time for us to find, in our-

selves, the person that we want to
become. Instrumental in helping to
develop this character have been
those people that we've spent the
most time with. It is from these
relationships that we've learned one
of the greatest lessons life has to
offer — "just be nice, and if you're
lucky, people will be nice back!!"

However, the meaningful friend-
ships we've created are irreplace-
able. What fun is a victory without
teammates to share it with? And
what fun would graduating be with-
out those friends, whom we've
come to depend on over the years,
to share the joy and excitement
with us?!

"To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under
heaven."

Today, after years of "planting",
we can begin to "sow" the seeds of
our work. Our future before us, we
have the chance, and the freedom,
to make our dreams come true.
Whether the next year holds col-
lege, vocational school, the
workforce or the armed services,
we all have it within ourselves to

make a difference in the world.

Each of us has a special talent, a
special "gift". It is up to us to make
the most of what we have — to
challenge ourselves to be the best
person we can be. Sure, not each of
us will be rich. And not many of us
will be well-known. Glamorous
job titles will not be for
everybody...yet we all have the
ability to make an impact in life
through whichever career or
lifestyle we may choose to follow.
But we must always remember, in
the words of Albert Einstein, to
"Try not to become a person of
success, but rather a person of
value."

That is why we're here to-
night. You've been invited to
this Awards Night not only be-
cause you are to be congratulated
for your successes, but because
you are to be honored as a person
of value. Each one of you here,
through your various endeavors,
has helped to add to the greatness
of Hoover. Sure, we are fre-
quently rewarded for our hours of
effort when we receive the hoped-
for "A" or we go home having
claimed a victory title. But, to-

night we're being rewarded for
going above and beyond what
was expected — for setting our
own goals and striving hard to
reach them. Four years later —
and countless hours of hard work
behind us — as we leave high
school for bigger and better
things, let us know that our ef-
forts have been truly fruitful.

"To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under
heaven:

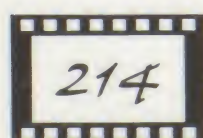
A time to be born/And a time to die;
A time to plant/And a time to sow;
A time to kill/And a time to heal;
A time to break down/And a time to
build up;
A time to weep/And a time to re-
joice."

This is our time — our time to
weep and our time to rejoice. Now,
in these next few weeks, in the
transition from past to future, let us
weep for what is gone, for what is
behind us and for what we are leav-
ing. Yet, let us rejoice for the life
we have ahead. Let us smile with
pride when we think back on our
high school career and our many
accomplishments, and let us smile
with anticipation of the great things
to come. Because, though "Our
future begins today, the memories
of yesterday we'll have forever!"

Sophomore Alex Albright works on his
makeup in preparation for a drama presen-
tation.



photo courtesy of Hoover drama



Senior speech feature #3
by Matt Buckley



photo by Michael Duong

Senior Jody Woods (#52) and freshman David Newman (#30) converge on an Indiana opponent as the bench of Billy Howe, Nic Hoover, Mike Kelly, and Billy Young looks on. Hoover won the Dec. 20 interconference matchup, 72-56.

Student council members Erica Swanson and Meggan Christensen give a presentation as cabinet officers Amy Lee, Billy Howe, Ayesha Abdullah, and Brad Haugh listen somewhat attentively during the Feb. 23 meeting.



photo by Kristen Jahn



photo by Josh Hurling



photo by Matt Buckley

Sophomore cheerleaders Nga Lam and Megan Mogenson cheer on the sophomore boys' basketball team during the Feb. 7 game at Johnston; the sophomore boys lost to the Dragons, 68-41.



photo by Kristen Jahn

Annual powder puff game festivities bring out the feminine side of several of Hoover's newest cheerleaders - from the top, seniors Jason Geyer, Brad Haugh, Warnell Ziegler, Curt Lamb, Mike Grant, Josh O' Brien, and Bob Stinson.

Students and faculty work together to get refreshments for the spring dance; here junior Emily Minnis, senior Esther Rude, and vice-principal Dennis Ramsey pour out bowls of M&Ms.

Senior speech feature #3
by Matt Buckley



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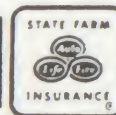
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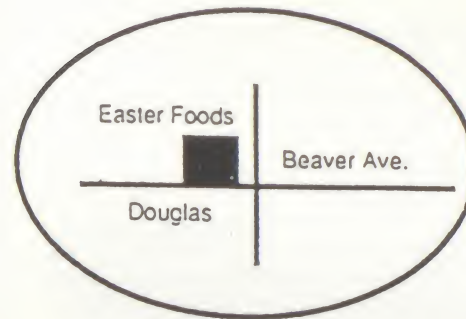
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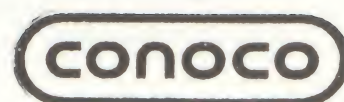
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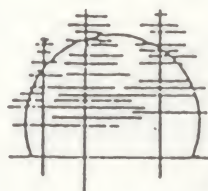
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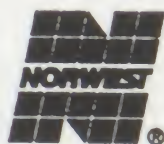
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Senior Charles Walker raps at the beginning of the Nubian Monologues during Diversity Week, a week dedicated to celebrating the many different cultures found at Hoover.



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Senior Erica Swanson warms up before a varsity softball game against Ankeny at the Hoover diamond. Hoover lost the interconference matchup against the Hawkettes, 6-0.

Seniors Duane Johnson and Jody Woods walk out of the tunnel of cheerleaders at the Feb. 10 assembly.



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Junior Chad Murray's stunning coiffure is the subject of senior Josh Hulling's admiring gaze.

Seniors Brad Haugh and Andy Bredeson take down the stats for the varsity football team during the playoff game against Fort Dodge.

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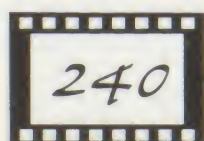
Juniors Nic Hoover, Dena Shoemaker, Kari Greenlee, Megan Carrico and seniors Kristen Jahn, Shannon Murray, Huong Do and Erica Swanson work diligently in class.



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Thanks...

A yearbook of 248 pages doesn't just put itself together overnight; it requires the help and effort of a lot of people both inside the yearbook class and outside. Mandee and I would like to give this space to thank a few individuals whose work and time was priceless to us as we sought to get this book put together. Without further ado, thanks to...

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...the juniors. I know it's difficult dealing with seniors who want to treat the yearbook as their class' victory parade, especially considering some of the obnoxious seniors that my class has. However, you guys dealt with us well, and your class provided some of our best workers. Good luck to you with next year's book and for your senior year.

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Thanks a lot,
Matt Buckley
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Above - juniors Amy Lee and Angela Neve look through old yearbooks for some different ideas about how to handle class pages; Lee was in charge of the freshman pages, Neve in charge of the junior pages.

Seniors Huong Do, Kristen Jahn, Erica Swanson, and Amy Martin take a break from yearbook to look through some magazines for their prom committee work.

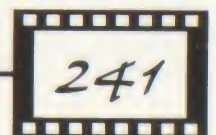


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*From fall to spring, and winter too,
our school was paved by me and you.*

*Fond memories we leave behind,
new ones we have yet to find.*

*As we give our final sighs,
a summer awaits our sunburn cries.*

*Our seniors have gone on and may not return,
but we'll be around next year to learn.*

*You can smell it in the halls,
it's finally here*

*what everyone calls
the end of the year.*

-sophomore Steve Whitney

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